WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong westerly and southerly winds, partly cloudy and mild, with occasional rains.
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ENCOUNTER WITH PRUSSIAN GUARD

Eyewitness Gives Graphic Story of Desperate Battle Near Ypres, in Which Six German Regiments Suffered.

DESTRUCTION WROUGHT BY ARTILLERY FIRE

British Force, Attacking With Bayonet, Saved From Disastrous Outflanking by the Arrival of French Troops.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—From a British officer at the battle front comes the thrilling story of a desperate battle near Ypres, where British and French almost annihilated six regiments of Germans. He says:

"Bearing a message from our commander to the general leading the troops in the region of Ypres, I reached his headquarters at noon. The headquarters are in the open in a beet field between two enormous stacks of straw. One hundred feet away a tottering farmhouse wall serves as shelter to my car. Accompanied by an officer of the Royal Service Corps, I crawl on all fours to another strawstack 300 yards off, from which I am told the impending battle can be seen.

"On top of the stack an English battery commander, speaking trumpet and glasses in hand, is directing the service of six field pieces. The trumpet is a necessity, for shells are bursting 200 yards from the battery and the noise is deafening.

"The Germans are slowly groping for the range, and in a few moments we shall have to seek another shelter and the captain will be forced to move his battery.

"High in the air three of the enemy's air scouts are circling directly over the battery, watching the effect of the shells. One suddenly rushes off towards the east.

Move Just in Time

"'That fellow has gone off to tell his friends that they are about 200 yards off the range,' my companion says.

"'Better move'—the battery captain has also guessed the air scout's errand, and in an instant the horses spring forward, are hitched, and the six cannon are moved 300 yards to the left. We follow. The manoeuvre, executed with clocklike precision, has taken six minutes. Six more and the guns a-firing again.

"A belch of flame far on our right, a peal of thunder, and the stack, our former shelter, is scattered to the four winds. The Germans have found the range, but ten minutes too late. My companion smiles: 'What'd I tell you?'

"A long valley stretches out before us. The little rise on which we stand—about fifty feet above the plain—commands it, so that the British guns are shooting almost horizontally at the German infantry trudging through the mud 2,000 yards away.

"I count easily five regiments together, but further to the right a sixth one evidently wards off a flank attack on the part of the French colonial troops, which I left this morning camped twelve miles back.

"The lone regiment is the Second Prussian Regiment of the Guard, the Emperor's Own, the elite of the Kaiser's army, 2,500 of the brawniest, most disciplined men in the world. It is now 1 o'clock. In one hour only 300 of these men will leave the field.

Aim for Trenches

"A gust of wind brings to our ears the sound of music. The Guards' band is encouraging the men. At the foot of the small hill on which we stand are twenty lines of trenches filled with Scotch and English infantry. The men are silently awaiting the attack. Not a rifle is being fired. The trenches are the Germans' goal; these and the British batteries once taken, the road into Ypres is clear.

"Behind me there is the thunder of hoofs. Three more English batteries are joining us. The horses are unhitched and the caissons unlimbered, and five minutes have not elapsed before the newcomers have begun firing, twenty-four mouths now belching flames and steel.

"In the valley the Germans halt. The range is only 1,500 yards now, and every shot is telling. The effects are appalling. The grey masses move onward once more, seem to hesitate, but sharp bugle blasts launch them forward again, and on the run they come for the trenches.

"At 1,000 yards our batteries again stop them. Firing twenty-four shells a minute at that distance, whole rows are mowed down, vast spaces appearing between the ranks. The companies intermingle, then the regiments themselves seem to amalgamate and melt into one another. Officers are seen galloping along the sides, evidently trying to bring order out of chaos.

"The artillerymen work silently, the perspiration streaming down their cheeks, and continue sending on their messages of death.

"The Second Regiment of the Guard alone, off to the right, seems untouched, and on it comes. Suddenly the sound of a hornpipe is heard. The Scots are awake. From the trenches an avalanche rushes forward towards the disordered Germans.

"At the double quick Scots and English, a few feet apart, yelling like demons, pounce on the attackers. Rifles are silent. It is cold steel alone. Our battery captains cry 'Stop firing.' There is a risk of shelling our own men now. We become spectators.

In Serious Danger

"One of the battery commanders shouts, 'My God! Look, they're done for!' On the right the Guard Regiment has suddenly turned toward the hill. A bugle blast and the mass of men half turns and seems about to be thrown on the back of the British, outflanked. The situation is desperate. Our artillery is useless.

"Listen! Over the valley, rising louder and still louder, comes a song which the Germans have heard before. A crash of brass, a hoarse roar fills the air, echoing across the valley, drowning the shouts and curses of the human wave fighting below.

"The Marseillaise—the English and Scots have heard it. 'Hold tight, the French are coming,' we scream. They cannot hear us, but we must shout—the strain is too intense.

"Past our batteries a company of Spahis rushes like a cyclone. Two more follow, then the Zouaves. Rifles close to their hips, bayonets low, throwing out over the valley its glorious anthem, the human flood crashes against the guard.

"The lines waver in an indescribable jumble of grey, yellow, blue and red uniforms, then seem to bounce back from the very force of the shock. Men appeared, raised from their feet and raised high in the air.

"Caught in a vise between the British and the French, the Guard alone remains. Ten times the shattered remnants of the Kaiser's proud regiment charged, and ten times was thrown back, first against the French and then against the British. Crying 'Comrades, comrades,' hundreds began throwing their guns aside.

"At 2 o'clock it was over. The Allies had lost 1,200 men. Only 300 prisoners remained of the Second Prussian Regiment of the Guard.

"Far over the plain covered with dead, at the end of the valley, a few straggling bands of Bavarians fled unpursued, while gathered around the batteries on the crest of the hill, under a fine rain which began falling, the Zouave band played 'God Save the King,' which was also a hymn of deliverance."

Japan Denies Rumor

TOKIO, Dec. 31.—The Foreign Office says the reports in circulation that Japanese troops have landed at Vladivostock or at any other place, on their way to Europe, are absolutely untrue.

PROGRESS MADE IN CHAMPAGNE

Report of French War Office Mentions One Pronounced Success—Position Captured to East of Ypres.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight:

"There are no important changes to report beyond the bombardments in the region of Arras and on the heights of the Meuse, and progress in Champagne, which seems to have been quite pronounced.

"The bad weather persists along the front."

The afternoon statement follows:

"In Belgium we have won a little territory in the region of Nieuport, opposite Folders and to the north of Lombaertzyde. The enemy subjected St. Georges to a violent bombardment. This is the position we are putting in a state of defence.

"We have captured a German point of support located to the southeast of Zonnebeke, on the road between Becelaere and Paschendaele.

"From the Lys to the Oise there is nothing to report.

"In the valley of the Aisne and in Champagne the enemy has manifested another burst of activity, which has taken the form particularly of a violent artillery fire, to which our heavy artillery replied effectively.

"In the Argonne we have made slight progress in the region of Four de Paris.

"Between the Argonne and the Moselle there has been cannonading along the entire front, but particularly severe along the heights of the Meuse.

"In the Vosges the enemy delivered an attack against our positions at La Tete de Faux. This was repulsed.

"In Upper Alsace we were consolidating our positions. Our heavy artillery reduced to silence the German howitzers which were bombarding Upper Aspache."

CONSULS IN BELGIUM

German Request for Cancellation of Exequatura Not to Be Hurriedly Dealt With—Position in Egypt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—There is no disposition on the part of Germany to hurry its request for the cancellation of exequaturs held by neutral consuls in Belgian territory under German military rule, according to State Department officials. The German note was sent by mail to the Washington Government, which will consider the subject at length before making a decision.

It is generally understood that the United States will avoid any action which might be considered a political recognition of the German possession of Belgium. While officials did not comment on the contents of the German communication, they intimated that it contained no evidence of any desire to place the American Government or neutral nations in an embarrassing situation.

It is pointed out that a situation somewhat similar to that in Belgium might be raised by Great Britain with respect to neutral consuls in Egypt, lately made a British protectorate. Neutral consuls hitherto have been accredited to the Turkish Government as well as to the Egyptian authorities, but unless Great Britain raises the question there will be no change in the status of American consuls.

Absurd Peace Rumor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A statement having been sent widespread throughout the United States that Russia purposes negotiations for peace with Germany independent of her Allies, France and Great Britain, and it having been suggested that Ambassador Bakhmeteff had knowledge of such an arrangement, the Russian Ambassador to the United States has not only issued a statement denying such a possibility, but has cabled to the Foreign Office at Petrograd and received the following message from the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs: "Certainly, please deny absolutely the absurd statement."

CZAR'S FORCES MAKE HEADWAY

Determined Attacks by Germans on Positions in Poland Are Repulsed and Heavy Losses Are Inflicted.

BAYONETS USED WITH DEADLY EFFECT

Further Advances Made in Galicia, With Discomfiture for the Austrians—Vienna Statement Claims Successes.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30.—The following official statement was issued from general headquarters today:

"Along the whole front of the armies operating on the left bank of the Vistula there has been a lull, except in the regions of Bolimow, Inowlodz and south of Malagohzc, where fierce fighting persists.

"Taking the offensive from Bolimow, the Germans, under a very intense fire from our guns, made an assault on Bourgade, Borjimow and our trenches near Gombin, but our troops by an impetuous counter-attack slaughtered with their bayonets all of the enemy with the exception of a few, who were made prisoners.

"In this engagement we captured German machine guns and inflicted enormous losses on the enemy, who brought into action successively in this region regiments from divers army corps.

"Near Inowlodz our troops took possession of German trenches south of Possare, which they entered after determined fighting.

Driving Austrians

"South of Malagoszc an attack, which the enemy delivered after a lengthy cannonading, was repulsed by our artillery. Near the village of Bokhinetz the enemy captured our entrenched position, but was dislodged and overthrown by our counter-attack.

"In West Galicia our troops are advancing victoriously. East of Zakliczyn we stormed several fortified works of the enemy, making prisoners of 44 officers and 1,500 soldiers and capturing eight machine guns.

"Southwest of Dukla our troops dislodged the Austrians from positions which they had strongly organized. They fled in a panic.

"We have realized also an important success south of Lisko, near Gorganko.

"We have repulsed counter-attacks by the enemy in the Carpathians at Uzsok Pass and also new sorties by the Przemysl garrison."

Vienna Report

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—An official statement issued by the War Department today gives the following summary of the war situation:

"In the Carpathians our troops delivered an attack north of Uzsok Pass and occupied several heights. Our counter-attacks to the north of Lupkow Pass (Galicia) have brought to a standstill the Russian advance.

"Farther west the enemy attacked some of the passes with small forces. North of Gorlice (Galicia), northeast of Zakliczyn and on the lower course of the Nida the Russian attack failed. In the region to the east and southeast of Tomaszow (Poland) we and our Allies have made progress.

"In the Balkan war theatre all is quiet on the Servian frontier. Night attacks by the Montenegrins on Gal, near Avlonas, and Hastva, near Trebinje, have been repulsed."

FOOD SUPPLIES WILL BE SHORT

Austria and Germany Seriously Affected by Overrunning of Galicia and East Prussia by Russians.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30. — That the food conditions, both in Austria and Germany, have already become serious and threaten to grow exceedingly acute by 1915 is the opinion of T. K. Doherty, of Ottawa, the Canadian Commissioner for the International Institute of Agriculture, which has its headquarters in Rome.

Mr. Doherty, through his position, has exceptional opportunities for studying the world's food problem. He has been giving close attention to the situation in Germany and Austria-Hungary, and has made an interesting analysis of the problem as it affects these two countries.

The overrunning of Galicia and East Prussia by Russia, he thinks a serious matter for Germany and her ally, as these are great agricultural provinces. He points out that Galicia, which is now almost completely in the hands of the Russians, produced two years ago 22,458,000 bushels of rye, 144,974,000 bushels of potatoes, 22,848,000 bushels of wheat and 30,820,000 bushels of barley. This loss to Austria he regards as most serious. East Prussia is equally important to Germany from an agricultural standpoint. The crop deficiency, he thinks, threatens most serious consequences for these countries.

Mr. Doherty also points out that the wastage of horses in both countries must be tremendous, the home supply inadequate and the difficulty of importing any considerable number formidable. He declares that the situation is already acute and is growing constantly worse.

GREETINGS FROM AGENT-GENERAL

Sir Richard McBride yesterday received the following New Year's message from the Hon. J. H. Turner, Agent-General for British Columbia in London.

"The Agent-General and Mrs. Turner hope that all British Columbians will have happiness and prosperity in the New Year and that they may be able to join the rest of the Empire in the celebration of the establishment of a firm and just peace in 1915."

Rate of War Insurance

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Government rate of insurance of cargo against war risks will be reduced, it was announced today, from one and one-half guineas to one guinea per cent. The new rate takes effect December 31.

War Contingent Association

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The total amount now contributed to the Canadian War Contingent Association Fund is $107,200. The Association provided a Christmas dinner for the patients in the Canadian hospital at Shorncliffe. The death of a Belgian soldier, which has just occurred at the hospital, is the second since the institution was opened.

Purchase of Horses

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Sir Adam Beck has completed his organization of the Eastern District of Canada, which extends from Port Arthur to the Atlantic, for the purchase of horses. At the present time about 10,000 horses will be required, but this number, it is said, will not nearly supply the demand as the war progresses. It is expected that at least 2,000 will be secured within the next fortnight.

GERMANS' GAME NEATLY BLOCKED

Italian Authorities Discover Widespread Conspiracy Organized for Purpose of Smuggling Out Contraband.

ROME, Dec. 30.—Startling developments are announced in the contraband scandal in connection with which Dr. Fiore and Signor Gasgrignamo, a customs official, have been arrested.

A search of Dr. Fiore's house by the police revealed that he had been in close touch with the German Embassy and that the Embassy officials had been sent here to organize a contraband traffic. Several of these officials have been asked to leave Italy.

Compromising documents have been found in the houses of both men arrested, showing that $750,000 was sent from Germany for the purchase here of rice which is largely replacing wheat in German breadmaking.

Gasgrignamo attempted to bribe a customs official with the object of smuggling rice through Italy, and offered him $30,000, representing a commission of 18 cents a hundredweight. This discovery is taken as proof that the rice was intended for Germany, and that German officials were prepared to pay a high price for it.

Widespread Plot

MILAN, Dec. 30.—Through the vigilance of the Minister of Finance and Commerce in Rome, a vast Austro-German conspiracy has been unmasked. It was a plot with ramifications throughout Italy, particularly in Naples, Genoa, Florence and Milan. Its purpose was to corner and smuggle contrabrand foodstuffs, blankets and material for clothing from some small port in the Adriatic by means of small Austrian steamers. One of the principal firms concentrating its activities on this contraband project turns out to be a big German concern which has its chief establishment at Bergano.

A big haul made by the customs guards at Genoa consisted of a consignment of military cloth valued at $400,000 intended for transit to belligerents of the central empires.

MONTROSE IS WRECKED

Steamer on Which Dr. Crippen Traveled to Canada Driven on Goodwin Sands by Great Gale

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Memories of Dr. Crippen, hanged for the murder of his wife in 1910, are revived by the news that the steamer Montrose, on which the notorious criminal was arrested with his paramour, was wrecked on the Goodwin Sands in Monday night's gale.

The steamer, which was supposed to be safely moored in Dover harbor, was blown out in the darkness. It was observed by naval patrolmen, two of whom bravely responded to the call for volunteers to man the drifting vessel. On boarding the steamer the sailors discovered that there were no anchors, and the result was that the Montrose drifted helplessly on the Goodwin Sands. The two men were swept off by the mountainous seas, but were eventually rescued by the Deal lifeboat.

The Montrose, which is likely to become a total wreck, was requisitioned by the Government as a transport at the outbreak of the war, and C. P. R. steamship officials state that the company is no longer interested in the vessel.

The Goodwin Sands caught the full fury of the blizzard, and several exciting scenes occurred off the mouth of the Thames.

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FIRST CANADIAN CORPS AT FRONT

Princess Patricia Light Infantry Waiting in French Village to Take Their Places in the Trenches.

ALLIES HAMMERING AT GERMAN LINE

Defeat of Austrians Has Decided Effect on Situation in Poland—Combat of Heavy Artillery Proceeds.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Since the Russian defeat of the Austrians in Galicia, which, while not irreparable, is likely to have a marked effect on the whole Austro-German campaign in the East, there has been no important development on either front. The Allies, though making no dramatic attacks on the German line, are still steadily hammering away with their artillery, and, when occasion arises, push their line a few yards forward.

A French eyewitness, in a description of the battles from December 16 to 24, gives a good idea of the kind of fighting in progress, and records gains, which, while by themselves are marked only in yards, amount in the aggregate to a considerable advance at many points. A few hundred yards in Flanders were taken by primitive methods, for, having the breeches of their rifles choked with mud, they used them as clubs and in many cases fought the Germans with their fists.

First Canadians

In one little French village within sound of the guns, the Princess Patricia Light Infantry, the first of the Canadian contingent to go to the front, are billeted, waiting their turn to go into the trenches. They were accorded a splendid reception by British comrades in arms and the French villagers.

With the defeat of the Austrians in Galicia and South Poland and the retirement of the Germans across the Bzura, Petrograd believes that the turning point has been reached in the battle of the Polish rivers. The chief fighting is now taking place on the Pilica, where the Germans are still on the offensive and have brought up big guns.

The losses in these battles have reached enormous figures in dead, wounded and prisoners, and must have been largely added to by disease, for the men fought under dreadful climatic conditions and in mud, for which Poland is notorious.

Ready to Serve at Front

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Dec. 30.—Sir Robert Borden announced this evening that Mr. J. J. Carrick, M.P., honorary colonel of the 96th Regiment, had volunteered to serve at the front, and that it was the hope of the Militia Department to avail itself of his services in the manner best calculated to take advantage of his abilities.

Eagerly Awaiting Call

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—A London dispatch to the Montreal Star says the Canadians at Salisbury are anxiously awaiting news from the Princess Patricias at the front, and eagerly expecting the call for the next to go. It is expected that the honor will fall to the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, the Royal Canadian Dragoons and the Strathcona Horse, the correspondent says.

BOMBS DROPPED IN FRENCH CITY

Fifteen People Killed and Thirty-Two Wounded by Missiles From German Aeroplanes—Assailants Escape.

LONDON, Dec. 31. — Four German aeroplanes flew several times over the City of Dunkirk on Wednesday, dropping bombs as they passed, according to the Dunkirk correspondent of The Daily Mail. Soldiers in the streets fired on the machines and one seemed to be hit, but all made their escape.

The official return of the casualties shows that fifteen persons were killed and thirty-two wounded. The bombs were filled with shrapnel. For half an hour the whole city crackled with rifle shots and the bombs, which threw up dense clouds of black smoke. No sooner did one aeroplane seem to depart than another arrived. Buildings in all parts of the city were wrecked.

Aimed at Fortifications

The first bomb fell on the fortifications, two more near the railway station and many others in different parts of the town, in the suburb of Rosendaell, and the districts of Coudekerque and Furnes. One child had an arm blown off and an old woman was killed outright.

The fifth aeroplane remained as sentry outside the town ready to attack any of the Allies' aeroplanes that might seek to repel the air assailants.

Two bombs were dropped at Furnes. The attack on Furnes was evidently an effort to wipe out the Belgian headquarters, where King Albert is at present. No damage was done there.

Dunkirk, which is on the eastern side of the English Channel, almost opposite Dover, has been the target of German aviators for a long time.

DURATION OF WAR

Public Opinion in France in Regard to Rapid Ending Has Changed—Prepared for Spring Campaign

PARIS, Dec. 30.—A very significant change has come over public opinion in France as to the probable duration of the war. Less than two months ago it was unwise to hint at a Spring campaign. Now it is recognized on every hand as inevitable.

Two things have contributed to waken public feeling. The first is the vast number of reserves Germany is organizing to push forward into the fighting line when the weather improves. The second is the remarkable campaign which M. Pichon, former Foreign Minister, waged for a time almost singlehanded in favor of an active Japanese intervention on the continent of Europe.

Perhaps a third consideration enters into the new calculations—the determined resistance of the entrenched Germans opposed to the Allies.

Hopes of seeing Russians entering Berlin by the end of the year have not been justified. In fact, the land campaign on both fronts is behind the schedule that French optimists formed after the battle of the Marne.

Still it is well ahead on the Western side, at least of what anyone with military knowledge could have anticipated during the early weeks of August.

Prisoner Sentenced to Death

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 30.—A private message from Berlin says that the German supreme war tribunal has sentenced a British prisoner named Lonsdale to death for assaulting a German officer at the Doberitz concentration camp. Lonsdale in the first instance was sentenced to ten years, but the military authorities' appeal for a sentence of capital punishment has been successful. It is asserted that Lonsdale did not hurt the officer and that a prison guard beat him off.

BIG DIRIGIBLE WAS DESTROYED

Report From Friedrichshafen Says That British Airmen Wrecked Super-Zeppelin in Cuxhaven Raid.

GENEVA, via Paris, Dec. 30.—News has reached Romanshorn from Friedrichshafen to the effect that during the recent British aerial raid on Cuxhaven one of the latest super-Zeppelins, which was completed two months ago, was entirely destroyed in its shed by bombs dropped by the aviators, and that another Zeppelin only escaped by rising rapidly in the air.

It is stated that the British raid on Cuxhaven, where the Zeppelins were stationed, came as a complete surprise. The Friedrichshafen factory, it is stated, has received urgent orders to hasten the completion of two Zeppelins now building in order to replace the big machine destroyed. The men in the factory are working overtime. Count Zeppelin arrived at Friedrichshafen from the front yesterday to supervise the work.

Other Damage Done

HARWICH, Dec. 30.—Information has been received that British bombs dropped in the Cuxhaven Christmas raid caused considerable damage to the gas works and fortifications. A member of the crew of the Arethusa declares: "The Germans always seem to get the news that we are coming. Certainly there was a leakage of information. A big Zeppelin seemed waiting for us. There were so many bomb droppers that they got pretty near sometimes, but never hit a British ship. The German submarines also pegged away with tremendous zeal."

CHANCELLOR'S SON

Investigation Fails to Establish His Presence as Wounded Prisoner in Any Russian Hospital

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30.—Alexander J. Gutchkoff, President of the Russian Red Cross, stated today that an investigation, undertaken at the request of the Spanish Ambassador, indicated that the eldest son of the German Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, was not among the wounded in any Russian hospital.

A Paris dispatch of December 14 says it was reported there from Berne that a son of the German Chancellor had been injured seriously at Piotrkow, Russian Poland, and that he had been captured by the Russians. A Berlin dispatch on the following day said that the Chancellor had been informed that his eldest son, a lieutenant of cavalry, had been captured.

Women and Children Prisoners

PARIS, Dec. 30.—All the women and children of Marcheville and neighboring parishes, in the department of the Meuse, near Verdun, were taken prisoners on October 20. Letters received here show that they are being held in barracks at Amberg, Bavaria. The women and children prisoners number 680, according to information contained in letters received. They say they are not badly treated, but they complain of the cold, as they were not allowed to take warm clothing with them.

THIRD ADVANCE COMES TO HALT

New German Attempt to Reach Warsaw Meets With Same Result as Predecessors—Backward Movement.

POSITION NOW LOST COST MANY LIVES

Failure of Austrian Effort to Advance From Carpathians Responsible — Vainglorious Boast of Commanders.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30.—The Russian view of the military situation in Poland in the light of recent developments is that a definite check has been administered to the Germans. The evacuation by the Germans of the village of Mistrzewice, five miles north of Sochaczew, related officially by the War Office, is regarded by military critics here as "ringing down the curtain on the third German advance toward Warsaw."

Germans Fall Back

At a tremendous loss to themselves, the Germans had succeeded in establishing a foothold in Mistrzewice, on the east bank of the Bzura River, but their persistent sledge-hammer attacks during the last three weeks failed to penetrate the Russian line before Warsaw. The Germans steadily threw reinforcements into the town in an endeavor to extend their position along the river. When it became evident that the Austrian advance from the Carpathians had failed the Germans evacuated the village during intervals between Russian attacks. The Austrian operations from the Carpathians evidently formed an intergral part of the general plan of the Germans for their Warsaw campaign.

Heavy artillery is being brought up by the Germans along their centre between Skierniewice and the Pilica River. This is regarded here as purely a defensive move, designed to prevent the breaking of the German line by the Russian infantry forces, which are operating there under the cover of artillery.

Unofficial reports from the Warsaw front state that in comparison with the heavy artillery duels, the infantry operations are mere episodes.

Advance in Galicia

In Galicia the Russians have taken the important town of Gorlice, 15 miles south of Tuchow, where the Russians recently halted the West Galician army of the Austrians, preventing it from joining with that of General von Boehm-Ermolli, which was advancing from Saneck-Lisko. Gorlice is the junction point of several railroads running east, west and south through the Carparthian districts.

The pursuit of the retreating Austrians in the Saneck-Lisko district has been carried as far as Yaslisk, on the extreme left flank of the Austrians, which has been captured. Yaslisk commands the most important highway into Hungary.

Hungarian prisoners arriving at Kiev state that their commanders in addressing the troops previous to the advance, said that the result of the campaign would be the recapture of Lemberg by the Austrians and the capture of Warsaw by the Germans, and that subsequent operations as directed by the German general staff would decide the war.

LEMBERG, Galicia, Dec. 30.—The simultaneous attacks of the Austrians in West Galicia and from the Carpathians proved to be a complete failure. Unofficial reports reaching here state that the losses of the Austrians were enormous, and that the Russians had taken as many as fifty thousand prisoners, including many Germans. Trainloads of guns and other war booty pass daily through Lemberg.

BOMBS NEAR KAISER

Berlin Has Story That His Christmas Dinner Was Interrupted by Visit of Hostile Airman

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Daily Express' Amsterdam correspondent says that travellers from Berlin say it is reported there that an airman dropped bombs on the Kaiser's headquarters while he was eating his Christmas dinner.

The noise of the bombs and the firing of the German anti-aircraft guns caused a panic, according to reports, and the Kaiser hurried the conclusion of the proceedings. One of the bombs exploded within 200 yards of the dining hall.

The Kaiser, the report says, has ordered a special search to be made for spies, believing that the Allies' knowledge of his whereabouts was due to this means.

Seeking to Buy in Italy

ROME, Dec. 30.—The Italian police have been investigating foreign residents at the hotels here and have found a number of Germans, who, they say, have been entrusted with the purchase of goods the exportation of which is forbidden. These foreigners have been advised by the police not to carry out their mission.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, Dec. 31, 1864.)

A Newspaper at Nanaimo.—We understand that some spirited [illegible] the little port intend starting a newspaper. The material has been [illegible] San Francisco. If Victoria, with its population of 4,000 to 5,000 can [illegible] dailies, certainly there ought to be some room for a small weekly [illegible] most progressive settlement in the Colony, comprising now at [illegible] We wish the enterprise all success.

The New Year holiday will be observed on Monday, January [illegible] Colonist will not be published on that day.

Municipal Debentures—The corporation bonds for $10,000, [illegible] due today at the Bank of British North America. We [illegible] preparation has been made to meet the payments. We hope, for the [illegible] the city, that this is not the case.

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GROUND IS WON BY HARD WORK

French War Office Gives History of Events During Nine Days—Short Advances Are Made at Many Points.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—There has been given out in Paris the following official recital of the Principal events of the war between December 16 and December 24:

"This period of nine days resulted in consolidating the success won by us during the ten days preceding. Our aggressive attitude has been continued with ever-increased energy; everywhere the enemy has been reduced to a defensive attitude. The violence of counter-attacks has been evidence that he accepted this attitude reluctantly. The checking of every movement made by him in his endeavor to recapture ground lost to us made our advantage the greater.

"It is proper to say that at various points along the front, particularly near Arras, on the western boundary of the Argonne district, and near Verdun, we have made ourselves the masters of important positions of support.

Fighting With Rifle Butts

"The operations to the North of the Lys have been attended by great hardships because of the bad weather. The cold, liquid mud in which the men have had to move, has got into the breeches of their rifles. This means it is impossible to shoot. The fighting consequently has been with the butt ends of muskets and even with fists.

"According to an expression used by one of their leaders, our soldiers are literally clots of mud. There has been organized for them a system by which they now can bathe and change clothes upon leaving the trenches.

"On four occasions we blew up some German mines, demolished machine guns and concealed shelters, and captured rifle ammunition and other material. Ours was the moral superiority, incontestibly Many advances, not one retreat—that is the balance sheet on the flanks west of the Argonne. In one day, the 24th, we repulsed five attacks.

"From the west of the Argonne to the heights of the Meuse inclusive, we showed activity from the 15th to the 24th., often crowned with success, and that, in spite of conditions more suitable to the defensive than the offensive. Our artillery, and especially our heavy artillery, inflicted notable damage upon the artillery of the enemy. On the 17th two pieces were destroyed, two batteries demolished on the 19th, and one reduced to silence; a machine gun shelter destroyed on the 20th and one blown up; a battery damaged on the 22nd to the northeast of St. Mihiel, and two destroyed near Bethincourt.

Taken and Retaken

"Infantry attacks developed, especially in the region of Boureuilles and Vauquois, near Ouissy, in the woods of Forges and in the woods of Consenvoye. At Boureuilles the terrain had been warmly disputed. We entered the village, were obliged to abandon it and then retook it. On the outskirts of Vauquois we progressed first 100 metres, then 400. We advanced likewise into the woods of Malancourt on the 20th and made progress on the 21st in the region of Bethincourt and on the woods of Forges (December 21, 22, 23) with a gain of from 200 to 300 metres in these three days. We gained 150 metres on the 24th in the woods of Consenvoye, where, in spite of a violent bombardment and of counter-attacks, we maintained the conquered position.

"In the woods of Chevaliers, finally, we gained 100 metres and took some prisoners remarkable for their sordid dirtiness. They were covered from head to foot with a mass of vermin.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle the action has been less keen than upon the rest of the front. It has permitted us to register progress slowly, but this progress continues in the forest of Apremont and in the woods of Le Pretre. We succeeded in destroying or silencing several batteries of the enemy's artillery in the Woevre district and in the forest of Apremont on the 20th. We demolished trenches in the same region on the 23rd and 24th. We effectively bombarded the railroad station at Arneville on the 18th and 22nd.

"In the Vosges we gained 250 metres in the Le Ban de Sapt, and maintained at every point our gains of the preceding week. Near Cirey our advance posts have been established within 1,500 metres of the city.

Aerial Warfare

"In aerial warfare, in spite of extreme difficulty resulting from rain, wind and fog, our squadrons of aeroplanes and our dirigibles have done excellent work. One of the latter on the night of the 17th dropped fifteen bombs upon the railroad station at Sarreburg, six upon that of Potitelch, five shells and a thousand arrows upon a train in the railroad station at Heiming. The damage done was important, and was accounted by German newspapers.

"On several occasions on the 18th, 20th, 21st and 22nd our aviators gave chase to some German machines and obliged them to descend. On the 18th one of our aviators shot and killed a German pilot, whose machine crashed to earth. On another occasion, near Arras, an aviator was put to flight by twenty carbine shots.

Various Exploits

"On another occasion one of our officers was pursued by an albatross, which succeeded in crossing our lines. The German aeroplane was badly damaged by a fusilade of shells. In spite of the state of the atmosphere some of our aviators on the 18th successfully dropped bombs and arrows upon the enemy's trenches; upon a concentration of troops on the 18th and 20th; upon railroad stations and trains on the 20th and 22nd; upon a captive balloon on the 21st; upon the port of Strassburg on the Rhine, and the railroad depot at Dieuse on the 22nd.

"Prince Alexander of Teck has expressed his warm thanks to the chief of the air squadron which has operated upon the Belgian coast with the British aviators. This squadron has, in fact, effectively contributed toward the regulation of the fire of the battleships and in surveying the sea for the enemy's submarines."

AIR CRAFT FOR FRANCE

Two Great Fleets, Consisting of Biplanes and Monoplanes, Building for Invasion of Germany in Spring

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—France is building two great fleets of air craft, armed with cannon, darts and bombs, with which to invade Germany in the Spring, according to Pedro Chapa, a Mexican aviator, who has been in Europe for the last four years, and who arrived here tonight on the Cunard liner Carpathia.

Hundreds of armed biplanes, each carrying a small cannon and bombs, and numerous monoplanes equipped with bombs and steel darts, will be ready to sweep across the German frontier when Winter is passed, he said. The monoplanes are intended mainly for scout work, and will make a speed of 120 miles an hour.

All the aeroplanes will have a cruising radius of 130 miles from the frontiers, said Chapa, and their attack will not be in the form of raids by a few machines, as heretofore, but by large divisions. The aviators to man these machines are now being trained.

Chapa, who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is to go to Mexico City to construct aeroplanes for the Mexican Government.

PREMIER SPEAKS AT PORT ARTHUR

Sir Robert Borden Listened to by Large Audience in Lake City—Conveys Message of Good Cheer.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Dec. 30.—Before the largest audience ever gathered in Port Arthur, and from which thousands had been turned away an hour before the time the speaker was to commence, Premier Sir Robert Borden this evening addressed the people of Port Arthur on the war.

He traced the development of the Prussian military spirit, blaming Germany for causing the war. He defended Britain's attitude and action, told of Canada's offer and arrangements to participate and predicted ultimate victory. The German preparations were such that beside them British preparations looked insignificant, but the British resources are such that beside them the German resources look insignificant.

"We are developing these resources of Empire," the Premier said, "and as Germany has failed in her first attempt to sweep her way to victory, the ultimate victory is beyond doubt. My message to you is one of good cheer. All goes well. The British War Office and officers and those of the Allies are pretty well satisfied with developments to date."

During the day Sir Robert and Lady Borden were entertained in the usual way, going about the two cities under the chaperonage of Mr. J. J. Carrick, M. P., and Mrs. Carrick; holding a public reception at the Prince Arthur Hotel in the evening.

The Premier left at 10:30 p. m. for Ottawa.

ANTI-WAR RIOTING

Demonstrations Reported From Several Provinces of Austro-Hungary—Crowds Charged by Police

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Daily Chronicle's Basle, Switzerland, correspondent forwards despatches received from various parts of Austria-Hungary purporting to show that rioting against the war is occurring in six Provinces of the Dual Monarchy. In the despatches it is alleged that the peace manifestations in Vienna were suppressed by the police, who charged the crowd, wounding thirty persons and arresting a large number of the demonstrators.

Even more emphatic disturbances are of daily occurrence in Buda Pest, according to the despatches, and similar repots have been received from Prague, Agram and Dalmatian coast towns.

The despatches say there was a panic in Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia, over the advance of the Serbians, and that a hundred arrests have taken place there in connection with a revolutionary plot.

SUPPLY VESSEL WRECKED

Steamer Navarra, Bound for France With Supplies for the British Army, Runs on Nova Scotia Coast

YARMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 30.—The steamer Navarra, a St. John, N. B., vessel bound for France with a full cargo of hay, oats, automobiles and army supplies for the British, struck on Holmes ledges, Tucket Island, in the Bay of Fundy last night, and probably will be a total loss.

The steamer went on the ledges during a fog, and the heavy seas pounded her on the rocks, which pierced the hull. The engine room is full of water and some of the holes are flooded. The Government steamer Aberdeen and tugs from Yarmouth are alongside, salving some of the cargo. The crew was still on board when word came from the ship early tonight.

The Navarra registers 2,848 tons and was under charter to the British Government.

WARSHIP TORPEDOED

Austrian Dreadnought Viribus Unitis Said to Have Been Attacked by French Submarine

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Venice contains a report that a French submarine boat has torpedoed the Austrian dreadnought Viribus Unitis at Pola.

It is said that the hull of the dreadnought was pierced, but that she succeeded in reaching her dock.

The Viribus Unitis is of 20,000 tons displacement, and has a complement of 1,000 men. She is one of the four ships constituting the largest type of the Austrian navy.

A London newspaper despatch from Venice in September said that one side of the Viribus Unitis had been badly damaged in a fight in the Adriatic, but that she escaped her pursuers.

Damaged by Ships' Fire

LIEGE, Dec. 30.—Four heavy German guns arrived here in a damaged condition from Zeebrugge. They were put out of action by the fire of English ships. Six hundred English prisoners and eighty Zouaves, believed to have been captured last week on the Yser, have passed through this city.

EIGHT THOUSAND FAMILIES AIDED

Expenditure of $5,000 Per Day From Canadian Patriotic Fund—Probable Methods of Raising More Money.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—A total of over $5,000 per day is being expended by the Canadian Patriotic Fund in assisting between 7,000 and 8,000 families throughout the Dominion. This estimate is based on the amounts promised during 1915, and if the war is prolonged beyond next year another appeal will have to be made to the public to carry on the work of the fund.

These facts were given out by Mr. H. B. Ames, M. P., secretary of the central fund at Ottawa, who is at present in the city. He said the Western Provinces all have Provincial organizations, so that the territory is well covered. Nova Scotia has also a Provincial organization. Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick deal generally with Ottawa. Practically every important city and town has now a branch of the Patriotic Fund, there being, in a few instances, independent local organizations. The energies of the head office are now being directed to the formation of county branches throughout the Provinces and the securing of grants from County Councils. Most of these Councils meet in January, when it is expected that in many instances grants will be given.

Some counties have already led the way. For example, Perth County Council passed a grant of one mill on the dollar, payable at $1,300 per month for two years, amounting to $32,740. The cities of Stratford and St. Mary's have also raised a considerable amount. The county of Wellington recently passed a by-law to raise $27,900 by special tax, all of which, except $1,500, is to be given to the Patriotic Fund. In addition, the City of Guelph raised $25,000.

To provide pensions for widows and dependents of soldiers who lose their lives, or are disabled at the front, it is estimated that $10,000,000 will be required every year for each 50,000 men in the field. The initial appropriations will be made at the coming session of Parliament. The exact scale has not yet been determined, but it will be very considerably increased over the rate which heretofore has prevailed. It is being dealt with by a special sub-committee.

Expenditures for clothing, equipment, etc., for the expeditionary force so far have aggregated about $20,000,000 and have involved over 5,000 separate contracts.

GIVEN NATURALIZATION

Case of Professor Mueller, of Toronto University Is Decided in His Favor by Judge Coatsworth

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—The protest against the naturalization of Professor Mueller, of the University of Toronto, one of the three German professors who were given leave of absence by the university until after the conclusion of the war, was disposed of today by Judge Coatsworth, who said in his finding:

"Mr. Mueller responded to the supreme test when, after deliberation, he answered that he was in favor of the success of the British in the present war. There is not one bit of evidence against Mr. Mueller that would justify me in treating him at all differently from any of the others."

President Falconer, of the University, expressed satisfaction at the finding.

DOMINION TRUST

Mr. Stewart, Nominee of General Creditors, Appointed Permanent Liquidator

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—Andrew Stewart, manager of a large firm of auditors in Vancouver, was today appointed by Chief Justice Hunter to be the permanent liquidator for the Dominion Trust Company.

"I find that there is nothing for me to do but to appoint Mr. Stewart," said the Chief Justice, after listening to the suggestions of a score of barristers. "The creditors give him an overwhelming endorsation, and I cannot do better than follow that.

"It will be unwelcome news to the depositors that according to a recent decision of the highest courts they appear to rank behind the general creditors, and if that 's true, then the wishes of the creditors as expressed to me today must prevail. I may say that I intend to do all I can to assist the unfortunate victims of this failure.

"I hope that the liquidator will discharge his duties without fear, favor or affection to anyone. I urge him not to allow any particular individual to be wrongfully made a scapegoat, but that he may bring all to a true accounting, and least of all to allow anyone to escape under the shroud of the dead."

SHARP NOTE TO TURKEY

Italian Government Demands That Hodeida Affair Be Satisfactorily Settled Within Two Days

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Rome correspondent of The Daily News says:

"I am informed that at tomorrow's Cabinet Council a decision will be reached in connection with the incident at Hodeida, which is still in abeyance. The Government's patience is exhausted, and Turkey has been peremptorily notified that the British Consul at Hodeida must be released immediately and the gendarmes who broke into the Italian Consulate punished.

"Turkey has been warned that no excuse for further delay will be accepted. A satisfactory reply is demanded within two days."

Toronto Board of Trade

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—The new quarters of the Board of Trade, on the 19th and 20th floors of the Royal Bank Building, were formally opened yesterday in the presence of a representative gathering of the members and their friends. The board, which was organized seventy years ago, has a membership of 2,500. Premier Hearst dedicated the new quarters. In the course of his remarks, he said: "We must admire the business men of this city for living up splendidly to the motto, 'Business as usual.' It is also the duty of Canadians and residents of Canada to do their part and buy goods 'made in Canada.'"

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Umbrellas, $1.00 to **$12.00**
Silk and Cashmere Socks, 25c to **$4.00**
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CHRISTMAS DAY TRUCE WAS KEPT

Remarkable Scenes and Incidents on Battle Ground—Free Exchange of Gifts and Messages by Enemies.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Daily News publishes a letter from an officer in the Queen's Westminster Rifles describing the extraordinary Christmas truce.

"I really must tell you about the funniest and most amusing Christmas I ever spent," says the officer. "As you know, the official armistice did not come off, but the men made one of their own.

"I told you that our section was billeted on fatigue duty. Well, on Christmas Eve we carried wood up to the firing line from dark until 1 o'clock in the morning. All the time there was singing, cheering and trumpet calls on both lines, and the Germans had lights all along their front. We were walking with our wood in the bright moonlight, but not a shot was fired at us all the time.

"Next day would have made a good chapter in Dickens' Christmas Carols. It was indeed a tribute to the spirit of Christmas. Many of our men walked out and met the Germans between the lines. I went over in the afternoon, and was photographed in a group of English and Germans mixed. We exchanged souvenirs. I got a German ribbon and a photograph of the Crown Prince of Bavaria. The Germans opposite were awfully decent fellows, Saxons, intelligent, respectable-looking men. I had quite a decent talk with three or four, and have two names and addresses in my notebook.

"It was the strangest scene you could imagine, going out unarmed to meet our enemy, also unarmed. After our talk, I really think a lot of our newspaper reports must be horribly exaggerated. Of course, these men were Saxons—not Prussians."

Exchange of Civilities

NORTHERN FRANCE, Dec. 30.—Serious fighting has been impossible in the region where the British troops are congregated, mainly along the ragged line from Ypres to Armentières and Lille, owing to the shocking state of the country, but there has been an abundance of fun in the sloppy trenches,

A jolly padre who came down from the firing line in the small hours of this morning gave some amusing sketches of the celebration of the great festival. On Christmas morning two soldiers, after signalling truce and good fellowship from their trenches, walked across to the German line with a plate of mince pie and garniture and seasonable messages. They were most cordially received, had a good feed, washed down by a bit of Liebfraumilch, and were sent back with packets of Christmas cards, quite sentimental, wreaths of mistletoe and holly for distribution among their fellows. Later in the day the Germans returned the compliment and sent a couple of gaily-caparisoned heralds, apparently landsturm men, across to the other evergreen embowered dugout of the British. An extra-officious sergeant promptly arrested them on their appearance within the lines, and sent them down to the darkest corner of his trench. Presently an officer came along.

"What in the world have you got there?" he said to the sergeant, who was guarding his shivering treasure.

"Beggin' your pardon, sir,' he said, "a couple of Landstreamers, by the looks of them. They say that they have come to wish us many 'appy returns, so I nabbed them, sir."

The officer asked the "Landstreamers" to depart with the compliments of the season to their own lines.

Bank of France

PARIS, Dec. 30.—A decree was published today abrogating the order issued by the Government on September 2, transferring the Bank of France from Paris to Bordeaux.

Metric System in Britain

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The metric system of weights and measures will become the standard for drug stores, the drug trade and physicians in all parts of the British Empire with the new year, when the new British pharmacopoeia goes into effect. The new pharmacopoeia discards the old system of weights and measures.

Ottawa Cabinet Rumor

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—According to reports, another Cabinet change is certain in the near future. It is reported that Hon. Louis Coderre, Secretary of State, will go on the bench and will be succeeded in the Cabinet as Montreal district representative by either Mr. Marechal or Mr. Patenaude. Mr. Coderre entered the Cabinet in 1912 as successor to the late Hon. F. D. Monk.

Quebec Troops Inspected

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught today inspected the troops that are concentrated here. A special train brought the vice-regal party, who were received by Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec; Captain Pelletier, aide de camp; Col. J. P. Landry, commandant of the fifty military division, and Major Doull, assistant adjutant administrator. The force reviewed was over 2,000 strong.

French Aviators Promoted

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The official journal announces that promotion of Sergeant Aviators Roland Garros, Marcel Brindejonc des Moulinais, Taumier and Saint Andre to the rank of lieutenants. Roland Garros flew across the Mediterranean from Tunis to Rome in December of last year, covering 160 miles over sea to Sicily in the first stage of the journey, the total distance of which was 400 miles. He won the 800-mile Madrid-Monaco flight in April last. Marcel Brindejonc des Moulinais flew from Paris to St. Petersburg in June, 1913, and finished third in the Madrid-Monaco flight last Spring.

Death of Duck Hunter

BUFFALO, Dec. 30.—A coroner's jury at Fort Erie, Ont., empanelled to investigate the death of Walter Smith, the Buffalo man killed by Canadian soldiers on Monday, returned its verdict this evening after hearing the testimony of the soldiers, Thomas Delaney, a Provincial police officer, and several eye-witnesses. The verdict was: "We find that the deceased, Walter Smith, met his death on Monday, December 28, while evading arrest for unlawfully shooting ducks out of season in Canadian waters, by a volley delivered accidentally from the rifles of three militiamen, who were called upon by Provincial Officer Delaney to assist him."

Fighting in Angola

LISBON, Dec. 30.—An official announcement by the Government this morning of a fresh invasion of Angola, the Portuguese colony on the west coast of Africa, admits temporary success for the Germans. The report says: "The superior forces of the Germans compelled the Portuguese to retire to a strategic position in the interior. The Portuguese Dragoons, in a violent attack, dispersed the German cavalry, but the Portuguese attempt to surround the enemy's left flank failed. The Portuguese loss was one officer killed, three wounded and four missing."

STILL LOOTING BELGIUM

Germans "Requisition" Merchandise to Value of $7,000,000 Francs From Unfortunate Country

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Belgian Minister today filed with the State Department a protest against the requisitioning by German military authorities in Belgium, of merchandise worth 57,000,000 francs. He asserted that the policy of the Germans meant "the ruin of industry in Belgium."

The protest set forth that the goods were not taken for the use of the German army, and that consequently the seizure was in violation of the fourth Hague Convention. The merchandise included cotton, rubber, tool machines, canned goods and metal.

Spanish Aviator Killed

MADRID, Dec. 30.—Captain Castellui, a Spanish army aviator, while flying in a biplane over the aerodrome today fell from a height of 300 feet and was killed.

HIGHLANDERS' DANCE BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Barnard Led Off Grand March, Followed by Leading Officers and Over 200 Couples.

One of the most successful military balls ever held in Victoria was the first annual event of the kind given by the sergeants' mess of the 50th Gordon Highlanders at the Alexandra Club last evening. Over 200 couples attended, and the floor was so crowded that dancing was difficult.

Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard honored the assembly with their presence, and His Honor led off the grand march which opened the ball. He was followed by Lieutenant-Colonel Coy and Mrs. Coy, Lieutenant-Colonel Bott and Mrs. Bott, Major Bardoffe and Mrs. Bardoffe, Captain Forsythe and Mrs. Forsythe, Lieutenant Bullen and Mrs. Bullen, Major Hodgins and Mrs. Hodgins and over 200 couples. Among the naval officers present were Commander Hose, R. C. N., and Lieutenant Harper, R. C. N. V. R.

A guard of honor for the Lieutenant-Governor was composed of six stalwart Highlanders in full dress uniform, who stood with fixed bayonets at the entrance. When the Hon. F. S. Barnard and Mrs. Barnard entered, the new Lieutenant-Governor received from this guard the first presentation of arms which he has had since assuming office. The guard of honor took charge of the grand march, giving the direction of the dance.

Every military and naval unit in the city was represented by both commissioned and non-commissioned officers. The beautiful costumes of the ladies, mingled with the military and naval uniforms, presented a gay sight. Conspicuous among the gentlemen were the number of decorated campaign veterans in civilian and military dress.

The dancing programme included a number of characteristic Scottish numbers. Prominent among these were the Highland schottische, the Scotch reel and quadrille. Miss Mary Shearer, the youthful holder of a series of championships for Scotch dancing, took a prominent part in these numbers, her dancing, with Color-Sergeant Campbell, of the Highland schottische bringing forth a round of applause. Only a limited number of those present were familiar with these dances, and the remainder derived great pleasure from watching the more expert perform them. Little Miss Shearer, with her Highland dress bedecked with scores of medals, was the chief centre of attraction at such times on account of her exquisitely graceful dancing of the difficult steps.

Great credit for the success of the ball is due the committee, composed of Sergeant-Major Stewart, Armorer-Sergeant Wishart, Color-Sergeant Sheriff, Color-Sergeant Hudson, Color-Sergeant McLennan, Sergeant Macdonald and Sergeant Cleland. The arrangements were perfect in every detail, and both the dancing and the supper were greatly enjoyed by everybody present.

TROOPS EXPECTED TO LEAVE ON SATURDAY

No Authoritative Announcement Made Yesterday, but Impression Prevails That Draft Will Sail This Week.

No announcement was made from the offices of Colonel Ogilvie, the district officer commanding, yesterday as to the day and the time of the departure of the draft being taken from the 30th Overseas Battalion for the reinforcement of the Princess Patricia Regiment. Captain Moorehead Lieutenants Harvey and Carew Martin and the selected 124 men, however, are ready to go as soon as the word is given. While the official intimation is not yet out, it is firmly believed in military circles that the force will board the 1:45 Vancouver boat on Saturday and proceed direct to the British base in the north of France.

Yesterday was spent by those who are chosen to go to the support of the first Canadian corps to see active service in making final preparations. There was muster parade at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. On this occasion an outline of what each individual should take care of, in order that the entire unit might be placed in a state of complete readiness, was given by the commanding officer. The remainder of the day, therefore, was one of marked activity on the part of all concerned. In the headquarters offices there also was a scene of animation. Of course, there is much clerical work to be done before the draft leaves, but everything was attended to before evening.

The usual routine was the programme for the 30th Battalion, as well as for the members of the other regiments quartered at the Willows. After the regular drills three companies marched to Clover Point, where they were put through some training in trench digging as well as being given musketry practice. Other companies were called upon to do some skirmishing in open order. They entered into the exercises with spirit, and some sanguinary sham fighting took place over the Uplands subdivision and the country in that vicinity.

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FINDS ISLAND IDEAL FOR BULB GROWING

Visitor, Who Is Prominent in Industry in Holland, Speaks of Market Possibilities—Soil Is Very Suitable.

That climate, soil and general conditions on Vancouver Island are ideal for the bulb growing industry, was the interesting statement made to The Colonist yesterday by Mr. W. W. de Graaft, of Holland, who is very prominently identified with the industry in his country and who makes periodical visits to this Coast in the interests of his firm.

While Mr. de Graaft is of the opinion that nature has provided splendid natural facilities for successful bulb-growing in this country, he thinks producers are under considerable handicap in respect to the cost of labor and restricted markets. While Holland exports the bulk of its bulbs to England, it controls also the whole of the Eastern section of the continent of America. This situation will, in his judgment, permanently continue owing to the advantage of cheap water transportation, which would be denied exporters from Vancouver Island. He is loud in praise of what has already been accomplished on Vancouver Island and is decidedly of the opinion that every effort should be made to encourage the growth of the industry, which has a big future in respect to the markets lying on the Pacific Coast of America.

Mr. de Graaft left his country only a few weeks ago and was there during the whole period subsequent to the outbreak of war. While Holland is neutral, its close proximity to the warring nations has imposed tremendous burdens upon it. It is compelled to maintain its army on a war footing, no less than 400,000 men being stationed on the frontiers. The people live in fear and trembling that one of the warring nations may invade their land, when, of course, they would be immediately plunged into all the horrors of the conflict.

Good Year's Business—Mr. Sanford S. Davis, general manager of the British Columbia Life Assurance Company, is visiting the city. He reports that the volume of business done by his firm during 1914 exceeded that of 1913. He is very optimistic about general conditions in the Province.

Bombs Dropped on Village

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 30.—The Berliner Tageblatt prints a report that five German airmen made a flight on Monday over Sochacew, the village on the Bzura before which the Russian army is concentrated, and dropped forty bombs. Many wooden buildings were set on fire and a large number of persons killed.

Passengers Robbed

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30.—The passengers in the two rear sleepers of the westbound express on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway were robbed of $7,840 in cash and jewelry valued at $3,000 early today. The bandits, who boarded the train at Cline, escaped as the train neared Spofford.

In Fear of British Aviators

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 30.—Three large wooden stores in Goch, a German industrial town of about 7,000 population in the Rhine Province of Prussia, but a few minutes' ride from the border of Holland, have been placed under constant military guard in fear of a British aeroplane attack, according to a dispatch to The Telegraaf. It is reported that two aviators have recently been seen over the town, although whether they were defenders watching for British machines or were British aviators, is not known.

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Thursday, December 31, 1914

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will hold his usual New Year's reception at Government House on Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

THE WAR

Yesterday's news from the seat of war was of the same character as that which we have been getting for several days past. A French official report, summarizing events down to December 24, says that the Allies are everywhere on the aggressive and the enemy on the defensive. That was a week ago, and the dispatches since that time have contained nothing to indicate that there has been any unfavorable change. Speaking of the general situation, the summary says the Allies have made themselves masters of several important "positions of support." This bears out the idea that we have sought to convey in respect to the minor successes reported from day to day. In themselves they appear almost insignificant, but when they can be correlated, they are seen to mean very much.

The tactics of the Allies seem to be to force the enemy back so as to drive him out of his chosen position, before attempting a general drive. The time of the year is not favorable to a general advance, and we do not look for one for some time yet. When the Allies begin their hoped-for advance, they will naturally desire to do so under the most favorable conditions possible, and they do not exist at this time of year.

A dispatch of yesterday morning said there was no doubt that the Germans were evacuating Roulers, a statement hardly consistent with another to the effect that they seem to have brought up reinforcements. As the situation appears from the dispatches, the enemy is certainly in no better position to attempt an advance in the West than he was three months ago, but rather in a much worse one, while the Allies are stronger than ever, and have by no means reached the end of their resources. We are unable to see any reason for supposing that the Germans can achieve any important successes in the West.

In Poland and Galicia the Russians at present seem to have the better of their enemies. The complete nature of the Austrian defeat is reasserted and there has been no denial. General von Hindenburg appears to have failed in his advance on Warsaw, and to be in danger of being compelled to retreat. The purposes of Russia will be served very well if he remains along the Bzura River. If he can be held there until they make an end of driving the Austrians out of Galicia, the Grand Duke will have shown himself a strategist of the highest order.

The year seems likely to close with the Germans on the defensive everywhere, and the Austrians endeavoring to recover from an appalling defeat. One finds it difficult to imagine that such a state of things can long continue.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

III.

"In time of peace prepare for war" is a very old maxim, and doubtless was, as things have been, a very wise one. We hope after the present struggle is over it will not be necessary to continue war preparations indefinitely, but that can at the present time be only a hope. We suggest a new maxim of immediate and local interest: "In time of war prepare for peace." The way to prepare for peace, that is to prepare for the conditions which peace will bring, is not to go round with long faces and preach in the words of the immortal Mr. Mantalini that "everything is going to the demnition bow-wows," but decide what can be done to inaugurate a prosperous movement now, so that things will proceed satisfactorily when the war ends. Everyone says there will be good times after the war, but only those localities will experience them which have made themselves ready to take advantage of the new conditions which will then arise. It is historically correct that nations have laid the foundations of great prosperity during war, and for the reason that war threw them upon their own resources, and compelled them to utilize their own energy, their own capital and their own natural resources for their own uses. If it is said that this is no time to seek for capital to undertake anything in a large way, our answer is that this is no reason why we should not begin production in a small way. As a matter of fact, it is better to begin in a small way in projecting new undertakings. Nearly every great business started from a small beginning.

Is there not some line of production that could be inaugurated in a small way in this city? We have in mind something that would employ only a few people, but might be developed into something extensive in time. A business of this kind would not have to look for capital outside of the community. A very small sum of money might launch something that would grow to great magnitude. We may be asked why, if this is so, some person does not make a start in something of the kind. The answer is that, as a rule, the people who have ideas that can be put to practical use in a productive way usually have no capital that they can put into a business. There is plenty of capital in Victoria to start a number of large businesses, and of course a yet greater number of small ones. The difficulty is to get those who have the money to use it in this way. When a mining boom strikes the country or an oil boom or something of that kind, a lot of Victoria money is ready to take a chance at it. Usually it is lost, and usually the loser knows that he has at least an even chance of losing it. But go to the same man and ask him to put up a few hundred dollars to start a small industrial enterprise, and he wants to be assured that a profit is certain beyond the realm of conjecture, and after this has been demonstrated he is likely to say something to the effect that he does not know anything about the business and will keep his money for something else. Then some smooth person comes along with a tale about a townsite in Nova Zembla or an oil well in Tierra del Fuego, and walks out of town with a snug little sum of money. If all the money that has been lost by people of this community in fly-by-night speculations had been invested in industrial undertakings, we would not be sending away so much to buy the necessaries of life, and if any of it had been lost it would have been lost here, where the losers would have some kind of chance of getting it back again.

One way in which we can prepare for peace is to start some labor-employing industry, no matter on how small a scale.

TOMMY IN THE TRENCHES

War teaches many things. One of them is the inestimable value of training and discipline, not on the battlefield only, but in every phase of life. Some time ago there appeared in an American magazine a story entitled "Hell, Hull and Halifax," and it was intended to show how men could be taken from all grades of society and by training and discipline be made into the best soldiers in the world. It was a fine tribute to the British army. Daily there is to be seen abundant evidence of what sort of men are the product of the British system of training, a system that develops splendid fighting men, obedient, faithful and courageous, and yet strong in self-reliance and self-respect. We reprint a letter from a non-commissioned officer of the Royal Artillery Company written from the trenches last November. It is full of food for thought. In a homely way it sets out great truths. We shall not indicate what they are, but leave each reader to draw his or her own conclusions, only observing that the letter bears eloquent testimony to the value of training and self-reliance:

We were relieved (from the trenches) about 6:30 p.m., and I am glad to say all got out (in bright moonlight) without a single casualty.

One never takes off one's clothes, except when, perhaps, once a fortnight, one can get a wash. Still, at present I'm quite clean and not worried with unwelcome guests—the state of quite 50 per cent of all troops.

It is very curious to note the different way men adapt themselves to these conditions. The average Tommy is splendid; he keeps his self-respect, and the moment he is able cleans up and looks like a soldier. In the trench you get filthy, covered with mud, unshaved, and often under great mental stress (we've been lucky); but he rises to the occasion and you feel proud to meet and know him and realize you are of the same stock. They are singularly unselfish, and extend a comradeship to us which is very pleasant.

There is no doubt that method and training and being used to do things for yourself stand one in wonderful stead in a situation like this. Method in getting up, shaving, washing, putting things away add to one's comfort, and all who are unmethodical add to everyone's discomfort.

Whatever you do, old girl, make the children do things for themselves—clear up rooms, make their own beds, wash up, and, in fact, let them be accustomed to do all the business of keeping themselves alive for themselves. It is tragic sometimes to see our fellows' helplessness when it comes to making a dirty billet habitable, expecting it done for them by someone.

Make them (the children) hardy and self-reliant at all costs, because they, being self-helpful, can more easily do things for others.

It is training more than anything else, because the average Tommy does it, and he comes from a class that has to do it for itself.

I wish I could tell you more of things, but really the one transcendental thing is the conduct of the British Tommy. I feel absolutely proud to be doing the same work, carrying the same weight and sharing the same grub as they do. They are awfully nice with the Belgians and French people, and behave like gentlemen. No; the Germans have forgotten the human factor, and they won't win. I hope I shall see the end of it; but at any rate, I feel that Germany cannot win now, and if she tries a raid she will put the tin lid on herself.

This billeting is great fun. We arrived last night on a countryside, and were told to find cottages. Some of our chaps slept in pigsties, and were very comfy—plenty of straw. Then each little party cooks for itself, and the grub is distributed. All has to be done and men looked after. That is largely my job. We are now in reserve, and are only wanted in case of heavy attack; but I don't think the Germans have much attack left in 'em, though we are near where heavy fighting has been. Lovely country here; the prettiest we have seen. All the people seem wonderfully cheery and patient.

THE BRITISH RATION

Mr. Philip Gibbs has something to say about what the British soldier has to eat. He says he gets it with unfailing regularity, if there is any means of approach to him, and he gets "enough and a bit more." Following is the way the "grub" served out averages per man, daily:

1¼ lb. of fresh meat, or 1 lb. of preserved meat.
1¼ lb. of bread.
4 oz. of bacon.
3 oz. of cheese.
4 oz. of jam.
3 oz. of sugar.
½ lb. of fresh vegetables, or 2 oz. of dried.
⅝ oz. of tea, coffee or cocoa.
2 oz. of tobacco or 50 cigarettes weekly.

This is a pretty good bill of fare, and it is a scientific one. It has been determined that 4,500 "calories" are needed to keep a man at his best with "hard service" each day, the measure of "hard service" being a 20-mile march. The above ration provides 5,000 calories. It is interesting to know that cheese affords more calories than meat, the relation being as 7 to 4. Mr. Gibbs says the French regard the British as "furious eaters."

NEUTRALITY OF BELGIUM

It is of interest just now to know what were the views of Queen Victoria in respect to the neutrality of Belgium. Her Majesty was a great lover of peace, not peace at any price, as some have represented to have been her attitude, but one whose influence was always exercised to prevent war. In 1852 it was thought that France had some designs on Belgium, and the Queen wrote the following letter:

Buckingham Palace, Feb. 3, 1852.
To the King of the Belgians:

My dearest Uncle,—My warmest thanks for your kind little letter of the 30th. Matters are very critical and all Van de Weyer has told us n'est pas ressurant. With such an extraordinary man as Louis Napoleon one can never be for one instant safe. It makes me very melancholy. I love peace and quiet—in fact, I hate politics and turmoil and I grieve to think a spark may plunge us into the midst of war. Still, I think that may be avoided. Any attempt on Belgium would be casus belli for us; that you may rely upon. Invasion I am not afraid of, but the spirit of the people here is very great—they are full of defending themselves, and the spirit of the olden times is in no way quenched.

The value of this letter is in the fact that this great and wise Queen recognized the responsibility resting upon the United Kingdom in respect to Belgium. Eighteen years later her Ministers inquired of the Prussian Ministry if, in the war then imminent between Prussia and France, the neutrality of Belgium would be respected. Bismarck, in his reply, simply referred to the treaty, and added that in view of it the question was unnecessary. France's reply to the same question was a positive and unqualified declaration that the treaty would be observed. For seventy-eight years the neutrality of Belgium was regarded as a factor in international relations different in kind but not in degree from the Alps or the Carpathians. It was only when Kaiserism decided to run amuck that it was disregarded.

OUR WAR NEWS

About the most aggravating question asked of newspaper men nowadays is: "Was that dispatch in the paper true?" and another is like unto it, namely, "Do you suppose that bulletin is right?" Just what notion people have about telegraphic news is hard to determine. A dispatch will begin with the words: "It is officially announced," and some one will ring up and ask: "Was that dispatch really official?" A Colonist reporter was stopped on the street one day, and the person who accosted him said: "I see you have a bulletin on the window about the repulse of the Germans on the Marne. Do you think it is true?" The reporter, who had not seen the bulletin, and had been asked questions similar to this day after day, and sometimes three or four times a day, replied: "Of course it's not. I supposed you knew the newspapers keep a man making those bulletins up." This was very wicked of the reporter, but all reporters are constitutionally wicked; they outgrow it when they become editors. One critical friend objected that we did not print news unfavorable to the Allies, and refused to believe that we did not get any, at least, any that we do not print. Occasionally a dispatch is received that is manifestly so inaccurate that it is not printed; but, as a general proposition, all the news received is printed just as it is received, or else is summarized in our daily review of the war.

WHERE GERMAN ARMIES ARE

The London Times has made an estimate of the numbers of German troops on either front which is based upon as reliable information as is obtainable. From this it appears that in the Western theatre of the war there are either 20 or 21 of the original 25 active army corps of Germany, besides at least 16 reserve army corps and the equivalent of at least seven corps made up of Landwehr, Ersatz and Landsturm formations. This gives a total of 44 German army corps in all opposing the French, British and Belgians. The number of men this would represent is approximately 2,100,000. The casualties among the Germans during the fighting in France and Belgium must have been, up to date, in the neighborhood of 900,000, so that in the West the Allies have either held or accounted for 3,000,000 Germans.

If the estimate of The London Times is correct the figures relating to the German forces on the Eastern front will prove surprising. Russia is said to have only four active and eight reserve German army corps to deal with, in addition to an uncertain number of other formations which would bring the total up to 1,000,000 men in all. From this it seems as if Germany has maintained the flower of her army in the West, and is chiefly relying on her second line of troops to hold off the threatened Russian invasion.

AUSTRALASIA'S AID

A few weeks ago a London Press Bureau dispatch announced that the Australian and New Zealand contingents had disembarked in Egypt. Their presence there was to complete their training and to assist in the defence of the country in case of Turkish aggression. The first contingent of Australia's Expeditionary Force consisted of 19,779 personnel, with 7,477 horses and 70 guns. Each of the States of the Commonwealth contributed to the force. Until Turkey's aspirations in the vicinity of the Sinai Peninsula are disposed of this force will probably remain in Egypt. There are also Indian and British Territorial troops there as well as the native Egyptian Army, so that in round numbers the army defending Egypt cannot be far short of 80,000 men. The New Zealand contingent's strength is unknown. It may be 10,000 or rather less. The troops left New Zealand on October 15 and not a line about their departure appeared in print in the newspapers of that country.

In addition to these contingents both Australia and New Zealand have used their troops to occupy the German possessions in the South Pacific that have been captured. There are Australian and New Zealand troops in England completing their final training before being dispatched to France, but what their strength or composition are is unknown. In the Lord Mayor's procession on November 9 Australasia was represented. At present Australia is training her third contingent, approximately an army division. It may have sailed by this time, for no country has maintained a stricter censorship since the outbreak of the war than the Commonwealth. The system of military training in vogue in Australia makes it a comparatively simple matter to assemble contingents for overseas service.

General von Hindenburg has a sense of humor. Lately he received a letter of advice from a correspondent, who told him that by following a certain bank of a certain river he would reach Petrograd. The general replied that he would be happy to act on the advice if his correspondent would secure from the Russians a guarantee that they would stay on the other side of the river.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who Gets the Axe?

Sir,—In these days we hear a good deal of the slogan "Back to the Land," and it should really be a good slogan, but before it can actually become that, some method will have to be devised for the disposing of produce, as the following will show.

A rancher in this district raised several tons of excellent cabbage last season, and, wishing to dispose of what he did not need, he wrote to wholesalers in Victoria for quotations; the best price quoted was ½c per lb., or $10 per ton; the freight from here on this product is $11 per ton, so the producer would have the glory of producing the crop and paying for the privilege. At the same time, the wholesalers were selling cabbage at 1½c per lb., or $30 per ton, which shows the insignificant profit of 200 per cent.

Even worse than the above was the same man's experience with two crates of cauliflower, which he shipped to a wholesaler in Victoria without getting quotations. After waiting three months for returns, he got a debit account from the wholesaler for $3.80 freight. In this case, the producer was out, at the very least, $5 by the transaction. At this time, cauliflower locally was worth 12½c per head wholesale, only the market is somewhat limited.

I think a blind man will be able to see who gets the axe.

F. B. SHEARME.
Coombs, B. C., Dec. 26, 1914.

Strathcona Park

Sir,—Would you oblige me by making room in your paper for the following lines. I was one of the men engaged in road-making and tree-planting in Strathcona Park this Fall, and it has surprised me to see that objection has been raised against this work by people who apparently have not been there, and who, seemingly, know very little of the character of the country. That this park will be an attraction for tourists I think all parties agree, and also that good roads and trails to it and in it are accordingly necessary. As to the park itself, I, too, like others, think that it should be as much as possible as nature made it, but as it is necessary to make it accessible by good trails and roads so it will be equally necessary to add to its beauty by covering up ravages of forest fires and windfalls. There are, here and there, open spaces of sandy, rocky land, and no one who has seen them would call the conversion of a piece of barren, rocky land, with a few dead trees, charred by fire, to a fine grove of leaf-bearing trees, where scattered broom, dogwood, and ivy cover up the unsightly remains of decayed stumps anything but an improvement, even if some of the trees should be of foreign origin. Also, in the heat of Summer, those motoring along the road will be sure to appreciate the shade of the trees planted there. The stateliness of the evergreen forest would be further enhanced by the touch of the delicate, graceful beauty of the leaf-bearing trees. The trees planted are: Elm (Ulmus montana); mountain ash (Sorbus aucuparia); planetree (Plantanus occidentalis); ash (Fraximus excelsior); and chestnut (Castanea vesca)—all hardy and very decorative trees. Would it not be worth trying, on these open places, to scatter, in Fall, acorns of the native oak, which adds so much to the charm of Victoria's surroundings. They could easily be gathered around Victoria. When the trees grow up, their acorns will help providing food for game, such as deer and pheasants.

B. BEKKER.
Bamfield, Dec. 22, 1914.

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Express your warm wishes for a Happy New Year by a gift of a pair of our beautiful "PURITY" Blankets. Both children and grown-ups love to snuggle under them. Their deep, soft nap keeps one warm as toast on the coldest night. Their splendid finish and durability will appeal to the careful housewife. They are actually the most economical in the end, for they outwear two pairs of cheaper priced blankets, give more warmth and comfort, and weigh less. Cash Prices per pair, **$4.95**, $5.40 and $5.85. A better grade of Scotch Wool Blankets at Cash Prices of **$6.08**, $6.98, $7.65, $7.98, $8.55, $8.78, $9.90 and $11.25.

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His paper and his pipe, spell solid comfort for the man of the house when his day's toil is done. Let one of your New Year's resolutions be to make him just as comfortable as you can while he is in the house. Give him one of Weiler's Easy Chairs or Morris Chairs and you'll meet his ceaseless demand for "supreme comfort" from January to December. Many different styles displayed for your selection. Come and see them. Cash Prices **$9.00** to $54.00.

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Don't settle down to the old-fashioned method of housekeeping, with its inevitable discouragement and drudgery. Be progressive and take advantage of the many improvements that have been made in household furnishings and utensils—improvements that will save your time, strength, and temper, preserve your health and lengthen your life. You wouldn't be seen wearing a hat in the style of forty years ago. Why should you try to get along with kitchen furnishings and utensils just as much out of date? Buy a Hoosier Cabinet and have an up-to-date kitchen. It saves millions of steps by combining pantry, table and cupboard in one spot. It puts your whole kitchen at your fingers' ends. You can store 400 articles in this new Hoosier, all ready for instant use. Cash Prices **$40.00** and $46.00.

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

New Year's Day Service

CITY CARS on all routes will commence running at 9 a.m., as on Sundays, and will continue running until the usual time, as on week days.

SAANICH DIVISION

The following trains will be annulled on New Year's Day, January 1, 1915:

No. 2, due to arrive Victoria 7:15 a.m.
No. 4, due to arrive Victoria 8:15 a.m.
No. 6, due to arrive Victoria 9:15 a.m.
No. 3, due to leave Victoria 8:00 a.m.
No. 19, due to leave Victoria 6:25 p.m.

For the above holiday special rate of fare and one-third between all points. On sale December 31 and January 1. Final return limit January 2, 1915.

B. C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd.

Notice to Passengers

On and from Monday, January 4th, 1915, and until further notice the service on various routes will be as follows:

GORGE ROUTE:

20-MINUTE SERVICE

First car leaves City to Gorge .... 5:55 a.m.
Last car leaves City to Gorge ....11:35 p.m.
First car leaves Gorge to City............... 6:15 a.m.
Last car leaves Gorge to City...............11:55 p.m.

CLOVERDALE AND OUTER WHARF ROUTE:

15-MINUTE SERVICE

First car leaves City to Outer Wharf.... 5:55 a.m.
Last car leaves City to Outer Wharf....11:40 p.m.
First car leaves Outer Wharf to City..... 6:07½ a.m.
Last car leaves Outer Wharf to City.....11:52½ p.m.
First car leaves City to Cloverdale....... 6:02½ a.m.
Last car leaves City to Cloverdale.......11:47½ p.m.
First car leaves Cloverdale to City.. 6:15 a.m.
Last car leaves Cloverdale to City..12:00 Mid.

BEACON HILL ROUTE:

15-MINUTE SERVICE

First car leaves City to Beacon Hill..... 6:02½ a.m.
Last car leaves City to Beacon Hill.....11:47½ p.m.
First car leaves Beacon Hill to City... 6:15 a.m.
Last car leaves Beacon Hill to City...12:00 Mid.
First car leaves City to Spring Ridge..... 5:55 a.m.
Last car leaves City to Spring Ridge....11:40 p.m.
First car leaves Sp. Ridge to City...... 6:07½ a.m.
Last car leaves Sp. Ridge to City......11:52½ p.m.

FOUL BAY ROUTE:

15-MINUTE SERVICE

First car leaves City to Foul Bay....... 5:52½ a.m.
Last car leaves City to Foul Bay........11:37½ p.m.
First car leaves Foul Bay to City........ 6:15 a.m.
Last car leaves Foul Bay to City.......12:00 Mid.

WILLOWS AND UPLANDS ROUTE:

Uplands cars give same service, viz., 6:05 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.—20-minute service.

Cars every 10 minutes to Willows between hours of 11:55 a.m. to 9:55 p.m.

On Sundays cars commence running at 9 a.m. and continue to run as on week days, but last cars leave one hour earlier from all terminals.

Cars on Oak Bay, Esquimalt, Hillside, Burnside and Mount Tolmie routes will give the same service as now.

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BOARD OF TRADE WAS ACTIVE DURING 1914

Accomplished Many Things of Public Importance — Many Suggestions Embodied in New Municipal Act.

Although unofficial in its status the Board of Trade is one of the most useful public bodies in a city. A review of a few of the chief accomplishments of the Victoria board during the past year indicates that much of public importance has been achieved through its watchfulness and aggression.

Probably the most notable success of the board was in the adoption by the Provincial Legislature of the suggestions made in the municipal committee's report. The new Municipal Act contains many improvements suggested by the board, such as the restriction on the undertaking of improvements until the finances have been raised and the appointment of an inspector of municipalities.

Attention was directed during the year towards the development of India as a market for British Columbia lumber. The matter was laid before the Hon. W. R. Ross, who, it is understood, is in communication with the Government of India in regard to the matter.

When the proposal of the Canadian Northern Railway to cross the Selkirk water was raised, it was the Board of Trade which, rather than endure unnecessary delay, recommended that a pile bridge might be endured for a limited number of years, and urged that when the permanent steel structure was built, provision be made for pedestrian traffic.

The board has been engaged throughout the year in an endeavor to have a Canadian customs officer stationed at New York to facilitate the transhipment of goods by water carriage to British Columbia ports. Quite recently a strong case was presented to the Hon. Dr. Reid, and a favorable reply is to be expected at any time, in the opinion of the board's members.

It will be remembered, too, that when the passengers were not permitted to land from the Australian boats, the Board of Trade took up the matter and obtained prompt relief.

Excellent results have been obtained in fighting the battles of local shippers in the matter of freight rates and service. Within the past week two decisions to the advantage of the local shippers have been communicated to the board, while in the Western freight rates question, which was fought actively for years a very considerable portion of success was obtained, although not as much as was hoped for.

Many other important questions have been taken up by this excellent organization in the public interest, and with such success that it is seldom its applications to official quarters are passed over unheeded.

It is gratifying to note, under these circumstances, that the board has maintained its membership well during the past year.

NEW SCHEDULE OF B. C. ELECTRIC CARS

Alterations in Services on City Lines Are Announced by Local Management—Effective on Monday.

Effective on Monday next, January 4, a new schedule for the operation of the city lines of the B. C. Electric Railway will prevail. As a result of the general slackening of business, with no commensurate reduction in the cost of operation, it has been found necessary to curtail the service on several lines, four cars being dispensed with. In an official statement handed to the press yesterday, the new schedule is thus given in detail:

Willows and Uplands Route

Uplands cars give same service, viz., 6:05 a.m., to 11:45 p.m.—20-minute service.

Cars every 10 minutes to Willows between the hours of 11:55 a.m., to 9:55 p.m.

Gorge Route

(20-Minute Service)

First car leaves city to Gorge 5:55 a.m.

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Last car leaves Cloverdale to city 12:00 midnight.

Beacon Hill Route

(15-Minute Service)

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Last car leaves Beacon Hill to city 12:00 midnight.

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Last car leaves Foul Bay to city 12:00 midnight.

"THE LEAP OF DEATH"

French Soldier, Formerly Acrobat, Accomplishes a Remarkable Feat—Ascertains Enemy's Position

A correspondent of the London Standard relates a remarkable feat by a French soldier who has some celebrity in the Continental circus business as an "English clown," and professionally calls himself "Williams."

A French trench was enfiladed by a German machine gun, and the losses in consequence became so serious that the lieutenant in charge remarked aloud: "If we only had somebody up there he might be able to deal with them," pointing to the tottering remnant of a chimney stack, the jagged top of which was thirty feet above the ground. He knew nothing of the peculiar abilities of Williams, and when the latter saluted and said: "I think I can get up there," he merely shrugged and nodded.

Throwing off his heavy overcoat, the clown-soldier rushed to the chimney stack, and, with his rifle slung on his back, climbed up it like a monkey, resting momentarily on projections which crumbled beneath his touch, till from the summit he was able to shout the exact position and distance of the deadly German gun. Then he coolly began firing himself. The trembling brickwork seemed to sway with every movement he made, and it was too much for his comrades' nerves to watch him. They begged him to come down, and finally an officer peremptorily ordered him to descend. In a few minutes he was on the ground.

First he dropped his rifle, and then, bringing the hearts of all who witnessed the feat into their mouths, he literally took a header at a low tiled roof twenty feet below, and rebounded from it like a ball of indian rubber, landing on his feet and playfully striking a grotesque, clownish attitude, with his fingers behind his ears, saying with a grin in the peculiar Anglo-French he affects: "My new turn—the leap of death." He is to have the Cross of the Legion of Honor for his "leap of death."

NEW RATES EFFECTIVE AT FIRST OF YEAR

Insurance Rates Show Average Reduction of From Fifteen to Eighteen Per Cent on Mercantile Risks.

Tomorrow the new fire insurance rates promulgated by the Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters will come into effect. After some four months of work, including an expert investigation of the city system of fire protection, an examination of each separate risk and the re-rating thereof, the schedule of rates has been definitely decided upon, and, with the advent of the New Year, will become effective. The schedule covers what are technically known as the mercantile risks and for the purposes of the readjustment the city was divided into two areas, one being that served by the salt water, high pressure system; the other the area outside that section and within the city limits.

The present re-rating will be the first merits. In about 1 per cent of the cases an increase will actually be made, but the general average reduction in existing rates is expected to be approximately from 15 to 18 per cent.

The present rerating will be the first to be undertaken in the past eight or ten years and was decided upon by the Underwriters Association following the demand by the City Council in June last for a 50 per cent cut in existing rates. That a reduction to that extent would be forthcoming, even the members of the Council hardly expected, but it was thought that a substantial cut should be made in view of the heavy expenditures which the city has made in improving the water works system and fire department, installation of the high pressure system, improved streets, more stringent building regulations, etc. This outlay on the part of the city amounted, in the past five years, to a very large sum. Considerable impatience has been manifested by members of the Council and owners of buildings at what they considered the delay in the establishment of lower rates. Insurance men point out that an inspection as thorough as that made by the experts took time and when it was completed the whole area had to be gone over and each risk individually inspected and rated. For the past two or three months this re-rating has been in progress and extra assistance had to be secured to bring the records of the association up to date in line with the new order of affairs. This work was only recently completed. The rate schedule will be immediately issued.

Individual Rating

The manner in which the revision has been made by the individual rating of the buildings precluded anything in the nature of a general cut. Some premises have been found to have changed occupancy and the class of business carried on now is of a more hazardous character than when the last rating was done. It is in these cases that the rates will be increased rather than decreased, but they comprise approximately only 1 per cent of the total. In other cases no change will be made. In those cases where reduction will be made, the cut ranges from 10 to 25 per cent, but the general average will be about 18 per cent. Naturally the risks within the district served by the salt water, high pressure system, are given the greater increase.

In the compilation of the new rates the efficiency of the fire department counted for much. The City Council recently promised that this efficiency would be increased by improvements to the high pressure plant and the installation of a more adequate alarm system at fire headquarters.

The action of the Board of Fire Underwriters will be formally communicated to the City Council at once.

The amount of the saving to policy holders in the city under the above reduction is not certain, but if the premium income on the risks affected is approximately $250,000, the reduction, on the basis of 15 per cent, will be approximately $37,500 per annum.

The reduction now to be made is in addition to the cut of 13 per cent in rates on dwellings made in November, 1913. The new schedule does not apply to non-board companies, which will doubtless meet the cut.

New Year's Eve at Finchs'

Bankrupt Sale

Ribbons at Cost and Less

Assorted Shades
On Sale in the Neckwear Section

Lot No. 1—In taffetas and Duchess satin. Regular to 65c per yard, for **25c**

Lot No. 2—In taffetas, Duchess satins, moire effects and silk corded Ribbons; many shades. Regular to $1.00 per yard, for **40c**

Lot No. 3—In taffetas, Duchess satins. Regular to 75c per yard, for **35c**

Lot. No. 4—In moire, corded silk, taffetas and Duchess. Regular $1.50 and $2.00 per yard, for **65c**

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In black and colors. Regular to $2.50, for **25c**

Kiddies' Hats at 25c

Kiddies' Hats, about two dozen; velvets, felt and silk. Regular to $2.75, for **25c**

Fur Hats to $45 for $1.95

Ladies' Fur Hats, in black bear, seal, grey squirrel and sable. Regular to $45.00, for **$1.95**

$12.50 New Coats for $2.50

15 Only, New Fall Coats, in scroll effects; brown, cream, grey and purple. Regular price $12.50. While they last **$2.50**

$5.50 Dressing Sacques for $1.90

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Is another motto implied in the first. It's a mistake to think you are retrenching wisely by cutting out your newspaper space. Judicious advertising is your most able salesman. The amount of foreign—i.e., outside advertising—in The Colonist has increased since the war began. Outsiders realize the possibilities in this field and the ability of good advertising to "cash in" on these possibilities.

Retrench wisely. Don't cut out your [illegible] IMPROVE it. For half of what you [illegible] boy per month you can [illegible] utmost out of your advertising [illegible]

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Big Price Cuts on Newly-Arrived Suits. Note the Prices. Today every Suit in our carefully-selected stock is on sale at a big reduction. We MUST clear this stock, most of it hardly out of the cases, and our prices will move it fast.

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All old boys of British Public Schools, now in Vancouver Island, B. C., are requested to communicate the following information to the Secretary of the Association: (1) Name, (2) present address, (3) old school and date of residence there, (4) present occupation. A copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Association will be sent to every old public school boy who is not already a member thereof. It is hoped that all may join, so that a complete register of old public school boys now in Vancouver Island may be obtained. Old members who have not done so are requested to notify the Secretary of any change of address. Address to the Secretary.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Bank Clearings—Total bank clearings for the week ending December 29 amounted to $1,881,485.

Hogmanay Dance—Tonight in St. John's Hall the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society will hold a social dance at 8:30.

Mayor Will Receive—Mayor Stewart and Mrs. Stewart will receive on New Year's Day, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock, at their residence, 1611 Belcher Street.

Not Albert Head—The men of the Albert Head quarries deny that the man who will receive speedy trial on Tuesday, there being a serious charge against him, has anything to do with them.

Form Dance Club — The Parksville Dance Club yesterday sent to the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society a subscription of $39, being a balance left over after a series of dances which took place recently.

Weather Conditions—Reports from the Gonzales Heights observatory yesterday were to the effect that a serious storm is prevailing on the West coast of the Island. In the afternoon there was a southeast gale off Entrance Island.

Children's Generosity—The children of St. Mary's Sunday School, Oak Bay, contributed the $20 that would, on other occasions have been devoted to their own Christmas tree, to the day nursery. This big sum will buy many good meals for the babies.

Thieves Enter Store—Thieves entered the store premises of Mr. R. J. Porter, Steel Street, some time during Tuesday evening or early yesterday morning and ransacked the place, but secured little of value. Entrance was secured through the transom. The matter was reported to the police authorities.

Depot a Success—The Women's Council Depot is open for business as usual. Mrs. Kennedy has places for several girls, and would be glad to hear of others who have employment to give. The stock of saleable articles has been greatly reduced, and more can be disposed of. The venture, which has proved such a success, will be carried on next year.

Member for Dewdney Here—Mr. W. J. Manson, M. P. P., representing the constituency of Dewdney in the Legislature, spent yesterday in the city and conferred with the Premier. Mr. Manson states that they are enjoying a remarkably mild Winter on the Lower Mainland. He does not anticipate that the work of the forthcoming session of the Legislature will be very arduous.

Nurses' Examination — The senior class of nurses of Royal Jubilee Hospital passed their first aid examinations on December 28. The results are: Miss N. von Follot, 100; Miss N. Bradshaw, 100; Miss M. Dennan, 90; Miss F. Frampton, 90; Miss G. Carlvoeth, 90; Miss C. Drury, 85; Miss A. Sutton, 85; Miss M. Williams, 80; Miss J. Croxford, 80; Miss F. Paget, 80; Miss M. Mellen, 75; Miss H. MacDonald, 70; Miss Z. Clark, 70.

Appointment Made—Mr. Bernard P. Schwengers has been appointed receiver of the business of the Island Sheet Metal Works, Graham Street. The order has been made by Mr. Justice Gregory as a result of the petition of Messrs. E. G. Prior & Co., the chief creditors. They were represented by Mr. H. Despard Twigg. Instructions have been given Mr. Schwengers to file in court a statement of assets and liabilities.

Document Prepared—The Board of Trade committee on trade, commerce and transportation held a joint session with the special lumber committee yesterday to draft the memorial to Sir Richard McBride, which he asked for at the recent conference with committees from the Vancouver and Victoria Boards of Trade, regarding the appointment of a trade commissioner to South America. A suitable wording was agreed upon and forwarded to the Vancouver board for the signature of that body.

Conference on Tuesday — Tuesday, January 5, has been fixed by the Provincial Government for the conference with the deputation representing depositors and shareholders of the defunct Dominion Trust Company. Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo will be represented in the deputation, who will press for some plan of action which will place unprotected depositors in a position where there will be some chance of them profiting from the distribution of the assets.

Candidate Announced—Councillor J. S. McAdam has given his consent to his nomination for the reeveship of the Esquimalt municipality. He decided on this step yesterday, after having been waited upon by an influential deputation. His name now is the only one before the voters of the district, as Councillor R. A. Anderson has withdrawn. The latter explains that he finds it would be impossible for him to give the necessary attention to the duties of the office because of their interference with his private affairs.

Another Raffle—The beautiful lounge cover, which has been presented to the Belgian Relief Committee by a resident of Happy Valley, and which is on exhibition, will be raffled. Tickets, it has been decided, will be sold for 25 cents each and, in view of the attractiveness of the article, as well as the worthiness of the cause, it is considered likely that there will be a ready sale. Subscriptions continue to be received in numbers, and steps soon will be taken, it is understood, to forward another contribution from this city.

Appointed Representative—Mr. Francis F. Fatt, hon. secretary of the Arion Club, "Dulce Domum," Trutch Street, has been appointed hon. local representative for Victoria and vicinity of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music. The Syllabus for 1915 has now been drawn up and the first examinations will take place in May and June. The chairman of the Associated Board this year is Sir William E. Bigge, and associated with him among others are Sir Alexander C. Mackenzie, principal of R.A.M., and Sir Hubert H. Parry, director of R.C.M. Mr. Waring Davis, of Montreal, is the resident secretary for Canada.

By-Laws Considered—The Lake Road Improvement and the Shelbourne Street Expropriation By-Laws were considered at the last meeting of the Saanich Council. The former was put through its final stages and will now be submitted to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. After it has passed through his hands it is probable that the tenders will be dealt with. Nothing was done with reference to Shelbourne Street, while the by-laws having to do with proposed work on Blackwood and Marigold Roads have been prepared for submission to the Provincial Legislature. Next Monday has been fixed as the date for the holding of a Court of [illegible]

CHRISTMAS TREE

Children of Christ Church Sunday School Entertained One Hundred Children

The children of Christ Church Sunday School gave a Christmas tree and entertainment on Tuesday afternoon to more than 100 of those who, but for their kindness, would not have had many toys and good things.

Not only the children, but their parents came to the tea, where all sorts of good things were on the table. Teachers and older girls waited on the table. Then there was a tree laden with presents, fruit, and candy for each of the children.

A talk from Bishop Roper on the story of Christmas Day, and a pleasant address from the Dean added to the pleasure of the treat. Among other guests were Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Doull, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Luxton, Mrs. Berkeley, Miss Moore, and Miss Mary Lawson.

XMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Pupils of Wesley Methodist Sunday School Gave Enjoyable Programme, Which Netted Handsome Sum

On Tuesday night, the pupils of Wesley Methodist Sunday School held their annual Christmas entertainment. The hall was crowded with visitors, who thoroughly enjoyed the programme provided under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Weight, Miss Knappett, Miss Clayton, and Miss Thompson. The Rev. S. J. Thompson, who presided, congratulated the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. H. C. Osborne, and his staff, on the excellent entertainment, a very striking feature of which was the tableau, "Britannia and Her Allies." In this the young people were assisted by a party of soldiers from the Willows camp.

The school also rendered very acceptably the following programme:

Christmas carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; "The First Noel"; song by the junior class of girls, "The Fairies' Lullaby"; chorus by the primary department, "Jolly Boys and Girls Are We"; recitation, "The Tree We Love," by the primary department; dialogue, "The Snow Shovellers"; hoop drill, by about twenty-five girls; pantomime, "Bedtime," by the primary department; solo by Kitty Daniels; recitation by Ruth Grimason; song by the junior girls and boys, "If You Are Good"; piano solo, Anna Anderson; tableaux, "Shepherds in the Field," "The Manger in Bethlehem," "The Wise Men and the Star"; recitation, Clara Turvo; dialogue, "Santa Claus in Many Lands"; and recitation by Willie Rodway, "'Twas Only a Bit of Bunting."

A collection was taken up for the Belgian Fund and realized $22.

INDIANS' VICTORY

Paid No Heed to German Guns—Gallant Fighting and Victory in Memory of Lord Roberts

An officer who has arrived in London from the front tells a striking story of a victory achieved quite recently by the Indian troops. It appears that ever since the death of Lord Roberts the Indians have been begging, through their officers, to have an opportunity of inflicting a defeat upon the Germans in honor of his memory. Since the death of one of whom they still speak as their "father" it has been a difficulty indeed to keep them in the trenches, many of them climbing out and endeavoring to crawl towards the enemy's lines.

On Monday last they were shelled out of a certain position, and they were then told that the best way in which they could honor Lord Roberts's memory would be to retake the lost ground. They swore to do so, as long as one of them should be left alive.

The Indians advanced under cover of darkness in dead silence, and no suspicion was awakened among the Germans. Then there came the cry of an owl, and suddenly the Germans, among whom were some of the Kaiser's best troops, found swarthy enemies swarming into their trenches.

Shricken with terror, they offered no great resistance. They endeavored to fly, but few escaped from the Asiatic fury, the majority falling victims to the Indians' bayonets. So far as the remainder were concerned, it was an utter rout. Such Germans as were taken prisoners seem in some cases to have actually gone on their kneers and begged for mercy.

The German artillery eventually began to shell the battle ground, but the Indians paid no heed.

When the lost trenches had finally been reoccupied, the Indians asked their officers, "Do you think, if our 'father' had been here, he would have been pleased with us?" "You have proved yourselves worthy of him," was the reply.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., Dec. 30, 1914.

SYNOPSIS

Since yesterday an ocean storm area has crossed Northern British Columbia, accompanied by heavy rains on the Coast and snow in Cariboo. Southerly and easterly gales have occurred on the Coast and the Strait of Georgia. Mild weather is becoming general in the Prairie Provinces.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	40	48
Vancouver	33	46
Penticton	30	36
Kamloops	24	36
Nelson	28	34
Barkerville	14	30
Prince Rupert	40	44
Calgary, Alta.	0	34
Winnipeg, Man.	—14	8
Portland, Ore.	38	50
San Francisco, Cal.	42	52
Port Arthur	—12	4
Toronto	20	26
Ottawa	10	28
Montreal	16	36
St. John	34	40
Halifax	28	44

WEDNESDAY

Maximum	48
Minimum	41
Average	45
Min. on grass	36.4

Rain .03 inch.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

From 23rd to 29th December, 1914.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine 11 hours and 54 minutes, rain .49 inch, highest temperature 47 on 29th, lowest 36 on 24th.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine 6 hours and 18 minutes, rain 1.54 inch, highest temperature 44 on 25th, lowest 34 on 24th and 25th.

Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine 15 hours, rain .82 inch, highest temperature 44 on 25th, lowest 34 on 26th.

New Westminster—Rain 1.42 inch, highest temperature 42 on 26th, lowest 31 on 24th.

Kamloops—Snow 2.30 inches, highest temperature 36 on 25th, lowest 16 on 23rd and 24th.

Penticton—Snow .40 inch, highest temperature 37 on 25th, lowest 13 on 24th.

Nelson—Snow 1 inch, highest temperature 31 on 28th, lowest 15 on 24th.

Barkerville—Snow 6.00 inches, highest temperature 22 on 23rd, lowest 4 on 29th.

Prince Rupert—Rain 1.42 inch, highest temperature 46 on 23rd and 28th, lowest 36 on 27th.

Atlin—Snow 1.70 inch, highest temperature 22 on 23rd, lowest 10 below on 26th.

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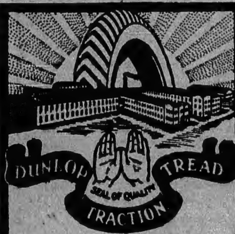

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Money Transfer Resumed—The Great Northwestern Telegraph Company announces that the money transfer service between Victoria and the Old Country, which was discontinued with the beginning of hostilities in Europe, has now been resumed.

Dr. R. C. Richards begs to announce that he has opened an up-to-date dental office at No. 314 Central Building, View Street, and is prepared to do all kinds of dental work. Office phone, No. 4811; [illegible]

WILL URGE REDUCTION IN CIVIC SALARIES

Alderman Todd's Schedule, if Approved, Means General Cut in Every Salary—Lower Wages for Outside Work.

The advisability of a general cut in salaries of the permanent staff of the city departments will be put squarely before the City Council at its meeting on Monday, by Alderman Todd. The estimates for next year will then be further considered. Alderman Todd is determined that the cut shall be made, and yesterday he gave notice of motion of a resolution which he will submit at next Monday's meeting. His notice sets forth the extent to which he believes the salary list should be pruned. If his suggestion is adopted, every salary will come down. Even the individual drawing $50 or less per month must see his small remuneration reduced.

The scale which Alderman Todd suggests is as follows: On all salaries of $50 and under, a reduction of 5 per cent.; over $50 and up to $100, 10 per cent; over $100 and up to $150, 12½ per cent; over $150 and up to $200, 15 per cent; over $200 and up to $250, 17½ per cent; over $250 and up to $300, 20 per cent; over $300, 25 per cent.

In addition to the inside staff, the outside workmen would, under Alderman Todd's suggestion, suffer a reduction. The alderman proposes that for out-door labor, where the daily wage is now $3, the scale shall be $2.70 per day, and that all outdoor wages be reduced in like proportion. This cut is not to apply to relief works or to those street sweepers who are already working at relief wages.

The reduction, if approved by the Council, cannot be effected by the present board, but can be recommended to the incoming Council. Alderman Todd's suggestion sets forth that, if passed by the latter body, it should be retroactive, to take effect as from the first of next year. Whether this reduction, if made, would apply to the police and fire departments is uncertain. The Council has no direct authority over the police expenditures, and has already cut off the automatic increases for both departments.

In connection with the fire department, Alderman Todd is not satisfied with the action of the Council at its recent meeting, in refusing to revert to the previous system of allowing the men one day off in seven instead of one day in six, as at present. At Monday's meeting he will move that the present system be done away with and the one day in seven re-established. This, he claims, will permit of the dismissal of seven men, and result in a saving of approximately $6,300 per year.

Relief Works

A further reduction in outlay is aimed at by Alderman Todd in a notice of motion of a resolution he will submit at the next meeting. It is to the effect that local improvement works which might be early undertaken next year in paving and sidewalks be done as relief works at a wage of $2 per day. At the same time these works would furnish work for the unemployed. The resolution will be in the following terms: "That, with a view to endeavoring to provide employment on paving work and permanent sidewalks early in the New Year for some of the unemployed, that this Council recommends to the incoming Council that all paving and permanent sidewalk work, the petitions for which are received not later than the end of February, shall be done as relief work, at a wage of $2 per day. This recommendation, however, being conditional upon the cement and gravel companies co-operating and continuing to provide materials for these particular works at relief prices and that the Mayor be requested to consult with them upon this point."

This resolution also provides for an advertisement calling upon the ratepayers to put in petitions as above not later than February 28 next, and the city comptroller to report to the incoming Council as to the likelihood of the city being able to finance work costing approximately $150,000. If the works are proceeded with, it is suggested that preference be given to married men.

Motor Expenditures

Still another resolution having for its object greater economy will be fathered by Alderman Todd, who will ask for a return from various departments setting forth the number of motor vehicles used by the city, the make, condition, capacity, etc., of each, the work on which each machine is used, name of chauffeurs and amount of salary paid to each, whether the chauffeurs do other work besides driving, the annual cost of maintenance of the cars, and in what manner the machines can be made to do additional work or be curtailed in number. The resolution sets forth that the majority of the motor vehicles were purchased during a time when a great deal of construction work was in progress all over the city, but with the cessation in work and the early completion of the sewer and water works projects, it appears that some economy might be effected in this direction.

That the existing regulations respecting building, wiring, plumbing, fire limits, etc., are imposing a financial burden upon the ratepayers, is Alderman Todd's belief, and at Monday's meeting he will move that, with a view to reducing the cost of construction or repairing of buildings, the incoming Council be asked to revise the building by-law, reconsider the plumbing by-law, wiring by-law, and those regulations fixing the present fire limits, as well as revise any other regulations which may appear to the Council to restrict, unnecessarily or unwisely, the construction or repair of buildings having due consideration to the necessity of preserving the public service and also of providing adequate protection against fire.

CHILDREN'S AID DINNER

Merry Party of Boys Sat Down to Sumptuous Feast Yesterday Afternoon

There was a large family party at the Children's Aid Home on Pembroke Street, yesterday at 1 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Spofford sat down with the twenty-four boys at the beautifully decorated table.

Two fine turkeys and a monster plum pudding, with all the good things that go with them, were enjoyed, as only hungry boys can enjoy a good dinner.

Perhaps the good things tasted better because the boys gave up to needy children the money that would have been [illegible]

EMOTIONAL DRAMA AT ROYAL VICTORIA

"East Lynn," Magnificently Staged, Will Be Feature for Next Three Days

The great emotional drama "East Lynn," by Mrs. Henry Wood, will be shown at the Royal Victoria Theatre today, Friday and Saturday, both afternoon and evening. Magnificently staged the production comprises three acts in which five reels with 7,000 feet of film are shown. The novel, one of the most popular in the world, is a story of tense human interest, the romantic pathos of which is known in every home. Every effort of artistry has been brought to bear upon making the production a vivid realization of Mrs. Wood's famous portrayal, and among film triumphs it holds a unique place for its power to tell intensely dramatic episodes. Wherever shown the interest in "East Lynn" has been all-compelling. No romance has been staged with such skill or in such an eloquent setting.

"SEPTEMBER MORN"

Delightful Musical Comedy to Be Seen at Royal Victoria on Monday Evening

"September Morn" comes to the Royal Victoria Theatre for an egagement of one night on Monday, January 4, with its half hundred talented artists, including a chorus of remarkably pretty girls, composing one of the best singing and dancing ensembles ever offered in musical comedy. Fun runs rampant in "September Morn" from the first curtain and entrance of that splendid fun maker, Julian Rubell, who has the part of his life and who is ably assisted by a cast of representative musical comedy purveyors. This is Rowland and Clifford's biggest production, and they have fairly outdone themselves in casting and mounting this popular merry affair.

Grace Childers, chic and charming, imbues "September Morn" with an airy freshness that is delightful. George Dayton, Russell Price, and Michael Leonard are also members of this company together with the other favorites who were recently seen in the various happy parts in "September Morn" at the La Salle Opera House, Chicago.

PATROTIC CONCERT

St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, Attracted Capacity Audience to Entertainment in Aid of Soldiers' Dependents

St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, was the scene of a very successful patriotic entertainment last Tuesday night, when a performance was held in aid of the wives and children of the soldiers who have left Victoria for duty at the front.

The hall was gaily decorated with flags and fir boughs, and the whole rendered a very attractive appearance, while the stage arrangement and lighting was everything to be desired and was very creditably installed.

The building was crowded to capacity by a large audience, which showed its appreciation by the many rounds of applause accorded the players.

The programme was as follows: Introduction, Miss J. Harvey; "Songs of the Sea," Mr. Brown; recitation, "Kaiser Bill," Mr. F. Hanington; song, "Powder Monkey," Miss N. Lugrin; dance, in costume, Miss Du Bois; chorus, "Tenting Tonight," Messrs. D. Pickard, Floyd, Croxford, Pickard, Smith and Wenman; recitation, "Ben Battle," Mr. S Williams; song, "Your King and Country Need You," Miss Offerhaus; recitation, "The Municipal One," Mrs. F. de Salis; song, "My Curly-Headed Babby," Miss Lugrin; tableau and song: "Britannia," Miss Offerhaus; "France," Miss Thurburn; "Russia," Miss Du Bois; "Japan," Miss A. Bradshaw; "Belgium," Miss H. Bradshaw; "Servia," Miss M. Bradshaw; "Canada," Miss Durand; "India," Mr. H. Hudson; "Australia, Mr. C. Appleton; "New Zealand, Mr. A. Williams; "South Africa," Mr. G. May. "Billy Doo": Cast—Billy Doo, a Saanich bill sticker, Mr. R. Hodson; Seraphena, Dick's sweetheart, Miss Hole; Dick Spooner, Mr. Pearson's man, Mr. H. C. Hole; B. Spruce, old wine importer, Mr. H. Thurburn.

The Rev. H. A. Collison, as chairman, made several fitting remarks in conclusion. Mr. A. R. Dobson acted as accompanist very capably in all the musical numbers.

Mr. R. Hodson, who took the title role in "Billy Doo," and Mr. H. C. Hole, another prominent member of the cast, were chiefly responsible for the splendid success of the entertainment, which realized a considerable sum for the charitable fund.

SERVICE OF INTERCESSION

Programme for Sunday's Public Gathering Has Been Prepared—All Denominations Take Part

The programme for the service of intercession to be held in the Royal Victoria Theatre on Sunday afternoon, commencing at 3:30 o'clock, has been prepared. The service, which will be a public one under the auspices of the Mayor and Aldermen, will be taken part in by the clergymen of all denominations and will be strictly public in character. Invitations have been issued by His Worship to Lieutenant-Governor Barnard, Sir Richard McBride and Members of the Provincial Executive, Mr. G. H. Barnard, M. P., and the heads of the various civic departments. The programme will be as follows:

Invocation—Rev. Dr. Clay, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Hymn—"O God of Battle."

Lesson—Rev. Sidney J. Thompson, pastor of the Victoria West Wesleyan Church.

Prayer—Very Rev. Dean Doull, Dean of Columbia.

Hymn—"God, the All Terrible."

Reading of the royal proclamation and address—The Right Rev. Bishop McDonald, Bishop of Victoria.

Prayer—Rev. C. T. Scott, D. D., pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

Solo—Kipling's "Recessional," Mrs. Macdonald Fahey.

Responsive Reading—Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, B. A., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Hymn—"Lead, Kindly Light."

Prayer—Rev. J. B. Warnicker, B. A., pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Hymn—"O, God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Benediction—The Right Rev. the Bishop of Columbia.

National Anthem.

Special arrangements for the musical portion of the services are being made by Mr. Jesse Longfield, who will direct the choir, the members of which have volunteered their services.

CAUGHT KONIGSBERG IN SHALLOW WATER

Details of the Bottling of German Cruiser on the East Coast of Africa—Exploit of H. M. S. Chatham.

That the German cruiser Konigsberg is effectively bottled up in the Kelwa River, German East Africa, is established by a letter which has been received by Mr. J. R. Connorton, of Olive Street, Victoria, from his brother-in-law, Mr. Stanley Bardo, of Zanzibar. A brief telegraphic despatch was received some time ago announcing the fate of the Konigsberg, but no further particulars have been received. Mr. Bardo gives details which make it clear that the vessel has been put out of commission for the rest of the war.

Following are extracts from the letter referred to, which is dated November 11, on the point in question:

"They have got the Konigsberg bottled up in the Kelwa River. She is seven miles up. She has taken her wireless masts down and has tied branches of coconuts on top of the masts to make them look like cocoanut trees. H. M. S. Chatham has found her there, and is now keeping guard at the mouth of the river. They are going to take a collier, called the Newbridge (She has hundreds of tons of the best Welsh coal aboard) up the Kelwa River and sink her so that the Konigsberg cannot get out. The Chatham sent a launch up this river about seven miles. She suddenly came on the Konigsberg just around a bend. The Germans started firing at once, and hit one man on the launch. The Chatham sent several shells at the Konigsberg from a distance of twelve miles without being able to see her. According to some natives several shells hit her. They also struck a mail steamer called the Somali, which was full of ammunition and stores. She caught fire, and has been destroyed. A shell also hit a steam launch going from the Konigsberg to the Somali and sunk it.

"November 12—I have just got news of the Konigsberg. H. M. S. Chatham went back to the Kelwa River with the collier. The Konigsberg had come down in the night to the mouth of the river, and was anchored there just round a point. The Chatham bombarded her with 6-inch guns, and the Konigsberg went back up the river six miles. The collier had armor plate put all around the chart house where all her men would be. They put the Royal Naval Reserve men on her, and sent her up the river followed by the Duplex, a smaller boat, which was to take the men off the collier when they were ready to sink her. All the way up the river they were fired on from both banks with 3-pound guns. The Duplex was like a pepper box. The armor plates saved the naval men. They got the collier up to the narrowest part of the river, and left for the Duplex. A hole was blown in the collier by means of an electric wire, and she was sunk in the right place. Two of our men were killed and fourteen wounded. One of the R. N. R. officers, Lieut. Triggs, had a shell pass right through his shoulder, and I am afraid that the arm will have to be amputated.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

Noteworthy Achievement of Postmaster Bishop and His Assistant—Clerical Staff Works Enthusiastically

It was expected that this year's Christmas mail, both incoming and outgoing, would be materially less than that of 1913. This, however, has not proved the case. While there has been a slight decrease, the volume which has passed through the local office was such that, when figures are available, the result is likely to show that the difference is so slight as to be not worth mentioning. Yesterday it was announced that, despite the rush, all the Christmas letters, newspapers and parcels had been distributed. The only exception, it was explained, is the small number of packages which have not yet passed through the customs department.

The achievement of Postmaster H. F. Bishop and his assistant, Mr. George Gardner, supported, as they were by a competent and an enthusiasic staff, may be better appreciated when it is pointed out that the bulk of the British mail was not received until the day before December 25 and the two days following the holiday. Under the circumstances, the two officials mentioned and their staff are entitled to the compliments and the thanks of the general public. They have succeeded in keeping the postal machinery of this centre running smoothly and expeditiously in spite of the daily receipt of large batches of mail, not only from the Old Country, but from Canada and United States. If delay has occurred, it has been in transit and not at the local office.

OBITUARY NOTICES

One of the oldest pioneer residents in the city passed away yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital, in the person of Mrs. Margaret Greig, who had reached the advanced age of 84 years. The funeral has been arranged to take place this afternoon, at 3:15. Deceased, who had been a resident of Victoria and district for the past 64 years, was a native of Colville, Wash., and leaves a large family, besides twenty-seven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Mrs. R. Reynard, of Saanich; Mrs. W. Simpson, of Saanich; and Mrs. C. R. Johnson, of Victoria, are daughters; and her five sons are Mr. John Greig, of Vancouver; Robert and James, of Victoria; Frank, of Cowichan Lake; and Donald, of Alberni.

An old and respected pioneer, Mr. Robert Thompson Clanton, passed away at his residence, 3157 Quadra Street, at 1:30 a. m. Wednesday. Deceased, who has resided in Victoria since 1886, was a native of Mount Pleasant, Ohio. He was in the employ of M. R. Smith & Co., bakers, for over twenty years, and was well respected by all his fellow workmen. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow, a daughter, Mrs. James Beselen, of Portland, Oregon., and two sons, Mr. Wendell Clanton, Galiano Island, and Mr. Frederick Clanton, Sydney, B. C.

The funeral of the late Fred White, whose death occurred on the 28th instant, took place yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Bartenders' Union, Local 814, who turned out in a body to show their last respects to their [illegible] covered the casket. The Rev. F. H. Fatt officiated, while Mr. S. Thomson accompanied at the organ, and the hymn sung was, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The pallbearers were: Messrs. E. McEvoy, J. Mcgram, A. Stevens, W. Berryman, T. Fisher, and J. Carol. Interment took place at Ross Bay Cemetery.

Songs You Ought to Know

A Few of the New Successful Selections Lately Arrived

Daily we receive requests for lists of the new songs, and here we give a fairly comprehensive summary of the titles of selections just received. With one or two exceptions these songs are brand new and each is noteworthy in its own class.

The demand for the now famous woman's recruiting song, "Your King and Country Want You," as sung by Maggie Teyte, has increased steadily. The returns from the sale of this song go to the Patriotic Fund.

In the list given below is cited "The Song of Songs," one of the daintiest little songs of the year, a translation from the French, which has set New York music-lovers agog this Winter. It is sure to be popular here.

Besides the songs listed below we also stock Schirmer's, Augener's, and Peters' editions; the latest song cycles by Woodforde-Finden, Liza Lehmann, Herman Lohr, Montague Phillips and many others; musical catechisms and dictionaries; treatises on harmony and counterpoint.

Glance at This List and Order Some Today
"At Benediction"
"The Hills of Donegal"
"Mavis"
"Lead Thou Me On"
"Little Playmates"
"After the Girl Waltzes"
"Golden Dawn"
"Girl on the Film Waltzes"
"My Garden"
"The Angel's Ladder"
"When as a Lad"
"The Song of Songs"
"Pearl Girl Waltzes"

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"England's Call"
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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED

MOLL—On the 29th inst., in the city, Ernest Moll, aged 53 years, born in France, a resident of this city for the past four months. The deceased was a resident of Dawson for some nineteen years and leaves to mourn his loss a widow.

The funeral will take place at 8:45 o'clock, on the 31st inst., from the chapel of the Sands Funeral Furnishing Company, 1515 Quadra Street, 15 minutes later Mass will be said at St. Andrew's Cathedral by the Rev. Father Laterme. Interment Ross Bay Cemetery.

PARDOE—On the 29th inst., at her home, 2097 Quadra Street, Mrs. Mary Ann Pardoe, aged 81 years, born in Suffolk, England. The deceased has been a resident of this city for the past forty-five years, and was highly respected by all who knew her. She is survived by three daughters and one son.

The funeral, which is being arranged by the Sands Funeral Furnishing Company, will take place on Thursday, the 31st inst., from the above residence at 2 o'clock, where the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will officiate. Interment Ross Bay Cemetery.

CLAPHAM—On December 30, 1914, at the residence of her son-in-law, the Hon. E. Burke Roche, 834 Pemberton Road, Leonora Clapham, late of Quebec, in her 83rd year. Funeral private. Please omit flowers.

STEVENS—On the 27th inst., at Paso Robles, California, John Stevens, a native of Kent, England, and lately of 27 South Turner Street, Victoria, aged 79. Notice of funeral later.

GREIG—On the 30th December, 1914, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Margaret Greig, aged 84 years, born at Colville, Wash.

The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, 734 Broughton Street, on Thursday, December 31, at 3:15 p. m., where service will be held. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery. There survives to mourn her loss, five sons, John of Vancouver, Robert and James of Victoria, Frank of Cowichan, and Donald of Alberni; also three daughters, Mrs. R. Reynard and Mrs. Wm. Simpson, of Saanich, and Mrs. R. C. Johnston, Victoria. Twenty-seven grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren also survive.

CLANTON—On the 30th December, 1914, at the residence, 3157 Quadra Street, Robert Thompson Clanton, [illegible] born in Ohio, U. S. A.

The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, [illegible] on Saturday, January [illegible] where service will be held. [illegible] Ross Bay Cemetery. [illegible] Victoria in 1886 [illegible] nearly all [illegible]

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. R. L. Philips, 31 Howe Street, will receive this afternoon, but not again until further notice.

Mr. W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., of Duncan, spent yesterday in the city.

Dr. F. F. Wesbrook, president of the Provincial University, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at the Empress Hotel.

The K. of P. Hall, North Park Street, was the scene of a very imposing gathering on Tuesday evening, December 29, 1914, when Nurse Bessie Fraser, eldest daughter of Robert Davidson, Esq., Edinburgh, Scotland, was united in marriage to William Logan, third son of John McGillivray, Esq., Plockton, Ross-shire, Scotland, and president of the Gaelic Society of Victoria, B. C. The Rev. Dr. H. N. Maclean, Minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, officiated, in the presence of a large number of friends of the contracting parties, several being present from Vancouver. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Thomas Alexander, Prior Street, looked very handsome in a gown of white satin with overlace. Miss Lydia Davidson, in white muslin, attended the bride, while Alexander Macdonald supported the groom. The wedding gifts were numerous, testifying to the great popularity of the young couple. After the friends present had extended congratulations the skirl of the bagpipes brought all to attention, and Sergeant Wishart entered the hall with "the pibroch sounding, sounding." Sixty guests sat down to the festive board to partake of a sumptuous repast. The after-dinner speeches were very bright. Both bride and bridegroom responded and expressed appreciation of the cordiality of the congratulations. Among those exercising their oratorial powers were Messrs. Alexander Macdonald, Creed, Shearer and Angus Macdonald. Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray will make their home in Garden City, Saanich, B. C.

PRISONER AT CREFELD

British Officer Now Interned Relates How He Was Captured—Life in Concentration Camp

A British officer, now a prisoner in a German concentration camp at Crefeld, describes in a letter the events which preceded his capture together with some five hundred others.

"Here I am," says he, "safe in mind and limb, a prisoner of war, a regrettable ending to one's soldiering, yet it might have been worse. Eighteen officers and about 400 or 500 men were taken prisoners, after being surrounded on Saturday, the 24th. I can't tell you everything that has happened, but for four days we had a ripping good fight. They shelled us all day with Black Marias, but we outed their infantry every time they came on, and every night we were hauled out of our trenches. A certain amount of wet kept our heads cool. On the eighth day they broke through on our right, and got in the rear of our trenches. Finally we had to chuck it. Black Marias, shrapnel, machine-guns and rifle fire in front, rifle fire on rear and flank, and with greatly superior numbers. We did our best, but had to chuck it. It seemed to us rather a hard job we had to do, and if only we could have been reinforced on my right, we would have kept them out, but my two right platoons, and the —— left were clean wiped out; this enabled the Germans to mass on my left and enfilade all my trenches. One consolation is we accounted for at least hundreds before we chucked it. Poor old C—— and B—— were blown to pieces alongside me. Our killed were about [illegible] or [illegible], perhaps more, and very few wounded. Now we

In Women's Realm

BY MARIA LAWSON

SISTER MARGARET CLOTHILDE MACDONALD

An Only Son

On observing that the first five names in the roll of honor published in The Morning Post obituary column were those of only sons, the father of an only son now serving with the forces sent the following lines:

Buried in a nameless grave,
Laid aside with other Brave,
His life for King and Right he gave,
Our only son.

A handsome, happy English boy,
His soldier's spurs yet hardly won,
A father's pride, his mother's joy,
An only son.

He answered to the Nation's call,
We ill could spare our one and all,
And prayed God would not let him fall,
Our only one.

But fortune failed him in the strife,
Our pride was in a moment gone,
We start again, just man and wife,
Without a son.

Grieve we? Yes, but not repine,
We know a man with children nine,
And every one in the firing line,
Every one.

For all should fight, and some must die,
He takes his chance, does an only son,
And parents bow and humbly cry,
'Thy will be done.'

—By A. H. D., in The Morning Post, London.

Head of the Nursing Service

A very interesting article in The Canadian Courier gives a description of Sister Macdonald, head of the Canadian Army Nursing Service. This service, we are told, differs from the Red Cross and other volunteer nursing bodies. Like the British Army Sisters, "it is a permanent institution, a unit of the Canadian army under the control of the Minister of Militia."

Sister Macdonald holds the position of matron-in-chief to the little army of a hundred nurses which accompanied the Canadian contingent to England.

On their arrival the Canadian women, as we have learned before, were entertained at St. Thomas Hospital while waiting for orders. When the article was written, on December 2, fifty-five nurses had gone to France, thirty were at Burford Camp, while Sister Macdonald and the rest still remained at the big hospital. It was not difficult, under these circumstances, for the correspondent whose nom-de-plume is "Philistia," to meet the matron-in-chief, whose work had been greatly lessened by the departure of the greater part of her corps.

With some difficulty she gleaned from the capable head some facts concerning her early life. There was no need to ask concerning her race. "The kindly blue eyes, firm mouth and general air of staunchness" told of Highland descent. Margaret Clothilde Macdonald was born in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Her parents were Catholics and her father, Major Macdonald, was a soldier. Margaret was sent to Mount St. Vincent School in Halifax.

Like many girls from the Atlantic Provinces, Miss Macdonald chose the profession of a nurse and went to New York City Hospital to train, afterwards spending some time at Mount Sinai.

When the wounded soldiers came home from the Spanish-American War, the young graduate embraced the opportunity of widening her experiences at Montauk Point, near New York. There she learned to love the work of nursing soldiers, and afterwards went with the first Canadian contingent to South Africa in 1900. Here she met most of the British generals and learned to love Lord Roberts. At Bloemfontein Nurse Macdonald waited on the great general's nephew and met him daily.

"It was perfectly wonderful," Sister Macdonald said, "to see how even the sickest soldiers would cheer him as he came through the wards. They had absolute faith in him, and the most unbounded enthusiasm marked all their dealings with him. He was so thoughtful, kindly and altogether humane for so stern a soldier that their feeling was not surprising. I shared it myself and feel a personal grief at his loss."

Sister Macdonald decided, after her experiences in the South African War, that army nursing was her vocation. "Of course you see dreadful sights," said the undaunted little woman, "but the more dreadful they are the worse you are needed, and the Tommies are such an inspiration! Why, a wounded soldier would give up his very bed to a comrade in worse plight than himself! They are so absolutely good to one another, and so careless of self, that I love helping them. As long as there is life in a pal they will suffer torments to help him—witness the many great deeds of the present great war. Yet nothing is more remarkable than their philosophic attitude toward death. Once life is out of a body there is no moaning and no sentimentality. He's dead, poor chap, but he died fighting for his country, and it's all in the life of a soldier. Fatalists, most of them," went on Miss Macdonald, "but I've not seen any quitters among them, and their sense of humor never seems to desert them."

For some time Miss Macdonald has been matron of the Canadian Army Nursing Service, and since the war broke out has been promoted to the

A Hint

It is learned from Eastern papers that already thousands of people are making preparations to visit the Californian cities, in which fairs are to be held. The well-to-do people of the United States, who spend part of every year in Europe, will, this season, explore the attractions of their own country and see the beauties of Canadian scenery.

Many people in Eastern Canada and on the prairies will see in the San Francisco Exposition an opportunity of adding to their knowledge. The number of such visitors will be far less than it would have been had the war not broken out. But that the tide of travel will be very great is certain.

Victoria should not only have many visitors, but everyone who comes should be sent away impressed with the beauty of the city and the hospitality and kindness of the citizens. This is work which must be done, if at all, by people in their individual capacity. No matter how poor or how busy the owners of a home may be, they can make the premises look nice. Those who have relatives, friends or even acquaintances who would be likely to visit San Francisco, should invite them to come this way. When they and others come, they should receive the warmest of welcomes.

It is several weeks since Portland entered upon a campaign of city beautification. In some ways Victoria is more attractive than the beautiful Oregon city. If every man, woman and child within the limits of Greater Victoria were to resolve to make the very best of their homes and begin at once to work toward that end, we would welcome all visitors with justifiable pride.

Reassuring

If there are any mothers or sisters in Victoria who are anxious about nurses who have left this Province with the Canadian contingent, the following from a Toronto nurse should help to allay anxiety:

"You need not worry about us at all, as we are absolutely safe," writes Miss Grace Hunter, who is now in Boulogne, France, nursing the wounded soldiers from the front. This news will be reassuring to the many friends of the Canadian nurses who may have wondered if the nurses were in any danger. "We are miles away from the fighting" continues the letter, "and at present our work is much the same as the work done at home. We go on duty in the morning at 8 o'clock and get off every other day at 5. When we are on night duty, the night shift lasts only three weeks.

"We find it very cold here, as the French do not heat their buildings in the same way as we do. Miss Blewett and I room together, and we have bought a coal-oil stove to warm the room. Most of the Toronto nurses are together. We do not live in the hospital, but in a hotel nearby. Most of the reports you hear are much exaggerated. We are having a good time, apart from our work, and the people are very kind to us. Of course, it is lonely at times, but, taking everything into consideration, I would not have missed the experience for the world. I hope you will make up your mind to come with the next contingent."

Most letters arriving here from the front are clipped and torn by the censor, but, as this one contained no information about the war, it came through untouched.

Help for Girls

Victorians who are familiar with the work being done in Victoria by the Children's Aid Society will be glad to learn that it has been decided to use the Day Nursery for the accommodation of young girls who are wards of the society and have done nothing wrong.

When the Children's Aid Home was first opened, boys and girls were taken in together. Now, there are quite as many boys as the house will hold and in the rare instances where a home could not be found for a girl ward, the society was at a loss to know what to do with her. Delinquent boys, who show no disposition to be good are sent to the reformatory at Vancouver, and the same class of girls are sent to the Industrial School there. But now, homeless children, or those whose parents are unfitted to take charge of them, whether they are boys or girls, will be cared for at home.

The girls will learn how to take care of the little ones and to love and protect them. The plan seems an excellent one. It is not altogether new, as those who are familiar with the children at the Protestant Orphanage have observed. Nothing is nicer about the gatherings there than to see how motherly some of the older girls are and how the little ones depend upon them.

In a very small and humble way what may be a most valuable step in sociology is being taken in our city. Everyone knows, or should know, that it is bad for a baby to be given into the hands of an ignorant, untrained girl. Those who are taught by either Mrs. Kaye or Mrs. Harwood how to mind babies properly will be fitted well for the position of nursemaids.

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EFFECT OF GERMAN SHELLS

One Man Blown to Atoms, Another Shot Into 15-Foot Tree—Terrible Plight of Belgians

The terrible effect of the German shells is described in a letter from an officer in the Royal West Kent Regiment, which is published in The London Times as follows:

There is a man in this regiment here now who had an experience. He was standing with another man behind the trenches when one burst. One man was never seen again, even in bits, and an enormous hole was made; but the other fellow was found hanging head down 15 feet up in a tree. They got him down, and found his rifle among the branches; and except that he couldn't speak or hear for two days he was none the worse and is now back with his company.

I am glad to think that you are looking after some of the Belgians. The enemy shelled this village the other evening without giving the Belgians time to clear out, and the poor things went trudging away westward in the rain, pushing all they could in wheelbarrows. Two little girls were brought by, one killed and the other wounded by big shells.

GERMAN BRAVERY

British Tribute to Germans, Who Gallantly Advance Against Deadly Fire in Close Formation

Describing the German soldiers' bravery under fire, Corporal Reid, of the Army Service Corps, writes:

"I saw it stated in a letter that the Germans were not brave. Don't you believe it. They will not stand up to the bayonet unless pushed on to it—I know; but they face rifle fire and shrapnel in a manner which you can't help but admire. The way they are massed and marched against trenches is madness, but they are not cowards. I am telling you what I know personally and what I have seen.

"It was only last week that I saw such a sight. I shall never forget it. I was at a place just behind our trenches when a whole corps of Germans made for us. Mind you, they did not come in a mad rush, but they stepped out as if out for a long march. They sang their national song lustily, and must have known, as they were so thickly massed, they were marching on to destruction. But they came on, and our chaps were awaiting them with glee. Not a shot was fired until they got so close that it was impossible to miss them.

"Then the order was given, and didn't our rifles and maxims speak! Of course, they fell in their hundreds, but there was no wavering. It was amazing. Hundreds stepped into their places, and the ranks closed again. They still came on, only to fall, and this kind of fighting went on for some time until they realised that even numbers can't take British trenches in this fashion. They had to fall back to take cover, but were shelled out of all kinds of hiding places, only to face shrapnel. The ground round the trenches was packed with dead bodies, and hundreds were taken prisoners. One of them who could speak English well, begged me to give him food."

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Vessel Movements

MELBOURNE, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Str Thor, from Mukilteo and Victoria, B. C.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str South Pacific, from Portland, Ore.

GOTHENBURG, Dec. 15.—Sailed: Str Pacific, for Portland, Ore.

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YOKOHAMA, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Str Bessie Dollar, from Seattle; str Tacoma Maru, from Seattle.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26.—Sailed: Str Korea, for San Francisco.

NEWPORT NEWS, Dec. 29.—Arrived and sailed: Str King Edgar, from Seattle for Queenstown.

NEWCASTLE, N. S. W., Dec. 29.—Arrived: Schr Alpena, from Seattle hence, October 27.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER THOR

This well known vessel has been chartered to bring a cargo of sugar from Suva to British Columbia. She is now at Melbourne discharging lumber.

COLLIER THOR TO RETURN WITH SUGAR

Familiar Vessel Now at Melbourne Has Been Chartered to Load at Suva for B. C. Refinery.

After discharging her lumber cargo at Australian ports, the Norwegian steamer Thor, Captain Kroger, a familiar vessel at this port, which, for some time past, has been engaged in the coal carrying trade between the British Columbia mines and San Francisco, will go on berth at Suva, Fiji, to load raw sugar for the B. C. Refinery.

It is understood that the Thor has been chartered by the Union Steamship Company, which concern has handled several sugar steamers during the past few months for the return voyage here. The Thor is a self-trimmer and is equipped with all the machinery for the rapid handling of coal, for which trade she was built. She is a vessel of 2,889 net tons register, and has a large freight capacity. It is not known whether the whole of her return cargo will be made of sugar.

The Thor loaded lumber at Grays Harbor, Mukilteo, and Everett for Melbourne, Australia, and cleared Victoria on November 18 last. In a cabled dispatch from Melbourne it is stated that the Thor arrived at that port on December 26.

Strathdee Is En Route

Another freighter chartered to bring sugar from Fiji to British Columbia is the British steamer Strathdee. The Strathdee is reported to have sailed from Newcastle, N. S. W., on November 11, for Suva, so by this time she is probably well on her voyage to this Coast.

The Norwegian steamer Hermod, Captain Kersebom, with cargo for British Columbia ports, is reported to have passed through the Panama Canal from Norfolk.

NIPPON LINER HERE

Yokohama Maru Reaches William Head From the Orient at an Early Hour Today

At daybreak today the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Yokohama Maru, Captain Komatsubara, will be off the William Head quarantine station awaiting the granting of a clean bill of health at the hands of Dr. Nelson. Word was received from Captain Komatsubara last night that the Yokohama Maru had been slightly delayed and would reach William Head at an early hour this morning.

EARNINGS OF LARGE CHARTERED CRUISERS

Statistics Given Showing What Big Mercantile Ships Are Capable of Earning Within Three Months.

The scale of hire for vessels chartered by the British Government for use as armed cruisers, troopships, hospital ships and other purposes has been drawn up by an Admiralty sub-committee, and from these rates it is possible to make a rough calculation of the earnings in three months of some of the biggest vessels, which are well known in the transatlantic trade.

They are as follows:

Vessels.	Tons.	Speed Knots.	Earnings in 3 Mos.
Aquitania	45,647	23	$855,850
Caronia	19,600	18	308,400
Carmania	19,600	18	308,400
Cedric	21,035	17	315,000
Tunisian	10,576	16	158,640
Em. of Britain..	14,189	20	241,500

In addition, the Government is recommended to pay the cost of preparing vessels for state purposes, for the time lost between end of charter period till restoration of the vessel in normal work and for higher wages.

COMES FOR TAMBOV

Captain Bachelor Calls to Pick Up Vessel of Russian Volunteer Fleet

Captain Bachelor, one of the Vancouver pilots, is here to pick up the Russian steamship Tambov, Captain Snejkowsky, which was fully expected to pass in last night from Vladivostok and Yokohama. The Tambov has freight for Victoria consignees, but she will not come to a berth here, the shipments being transhipped from Vancouver.

The Tambov is replacing the steamer Kiev, which was damaged in a gale when one day out from the Japan coast, and put back reporting a fractured propeller shaft. The cargo was transferred at Yokohama.

WEIR BOAT ON FIRE

Steamer Monadnock Put Into Durban With Bunkers and Cargo Burning

The steamer Monadnock, bound from Calcutta to Buenos Ayres, with a cargo of gunnies, has put into Durban with her bunkers on fire as well as the cargo. The fire was not extinguished when water had been pumped into her hold to a depth of twelve feet. It is said that a large proportion of her cargo will have been rendered valueless by fire and water damage. The cargo is valued at $600,000 and insured in London, while the hull is insured for $190,000.

The Monadnock is owned by Messrs. Andrew Weir & Co., at one time operators of a fleet of steamers between this port and the Far East. It is only a few weeks ago that the steamship Luceric, one of the above fleet, from Calcutta to Valparaiso, with gunnies, took fire, and put into Singapore. In this case the cargo was greatly damaged and a heavy claim resulted.

WELSFORD CONTRACT

Firm Formerly in Business Out of This Port Places Order for Shelter-Deck Steamer

Messrs. J. H. Welsford & Co., Ltd., which concern formerly operated a fleet of steamers between Victoria and Mexican ports, have contracted lately with Messrs. Richardson Duck & Co., Ltd., of Stockton-on-Tees, for a new shelter-deck steamer to carry about 8,350 tons deadweight, and to steam 11 knots. Delivery is to be within twelve months.

ROYAL MAIL CATERS TO STEERAGE TRADE

Steamship Glengyle Will Be First to Carry Oriental Passengers From This Coast—Fitted Out on This Side.

With the advent of the new steamship Glengyle to the transpacific service the Royal Mail Line, in addition to catering to first-class passenger trade, as previously announced, plan to engage extensively in the Oriental steerage business. Messrs. Findlay, Durham & Brodie, agents for the line at Victoria, have been instructed to book Oriental steerage passengers for the outward sailing of the Glengyle, which is expected to get away on her return voyage to the Far East during the latter part of March. The Glengyle will be the first ship on which the Royal Mail Line has booked passengers from this Coast for the Orient, and with a fine fleet of ships in operation, especially constructed for this class of trade, it is expected that the company will prove a serious competitor for the transpacific steerage business.

Hitherto this class of trade has been almost exclusively handled by the Canadian Pacific and Blue Funnel Lines, but since the outbreak of war the Japanese lines have secured a fair share of the trade.

The Glengyle, as are also the fine liners Cardiganshire and Carnarvonshire, is fitted with roomy space that is easily convertible for the handling of Chinese. The new liner Gleneffer will also be equipped on similar lines.

Is Expected in February

The Glengyle is now on passage to Victoria from London via the Orient and she is expected here toward the latter part of February. She is due to sail from Yokohama on February 3 and should show up about February 18. It is stated by the agents that the steerage space will be fitted up for the accommodation of Chinese following her arrival on this Coast. When completely equipped each of the company's big vessels will have accommodation for approximately 1,000 steerage passengers.

PEMBROKESHIRE NOW AT LAUNCHING STAGE

Royal Mail Liner for Victoria Service Will Be Next Big Ship Floated From Workman-Clark Yards.

Messrs. Workman, Clark & Co., Ltd., the well-known Belfast shipbuilders, have just issued a report of their tonnage output for the year, which shows that, including the Royal Mail Line steamship Pembrokeshire, yet to be launched, their 1914 total is 75,188 tons, made up by nine steamships.

The high horsepower of the engines turned out is 45,000. Compared with 1913, these figures show a decrease in tonnage of 2,029 tons, and the indicated horsepower of 15,200.

The Pembrokeshire, which is to be launched from the Belfast yards in the immediate future, is one of the steamers building for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's service between London and Victoria. She is a vessel of approximately 10,000 tons register.

The Carmarthenshire, also for this service, was recently launched from the Belfast yards, and will be completed by the Spring. The company's report states that the year has been a very good one in spite of the disorganization caused by the war. The biggest ship the firm has constructed during the year was the Ellerman liner City of Exeter, and the vessels with the most powerful engines were the Royal Mail sister ships Essequibo and Ebro.

Other vessels of big tonnage were the Carmarthenshire, Star of England, City of Nagpur, City of Vienna and Pyrrhus, the latter for the Blue Funnel Line.

The Pyrrhus is to be operated in the Far Eastern trade, in conjunction with the Blue Funnel transpacific service.

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Reg. $25.00, for $12.50
Reg. $29.50, for $14.75
Reg. $35.00, for $17.50
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Reg. $45.00, for $22.50
Reg. $50.00, for $25.00
Reg. $59.50, for $29.75
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Reg. $25.00, for $12.50
Reg. $29.50, for $14.75
Reg. $35.00, for $17.50
Reg. $39.50, for $19.75
Reg. $45.00, for $22.50
Reg. $50.00, for $25.00
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Reg. $20.00, for $10.00
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Reg. $35.00, for $17.50
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Reg. $29.50, for $14.75
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ACREAGE, chicken ranches and improved farms; a large number to choose from. A. Cosh, Happy Valley, Victoria, B. C.

BACK to the land. Apply 205 Jones Block or phone 728 for particulars of 30 acres at $30 and 66 acres at $8 an acre. Easy terms arranged.

FIFTY acres at Cobble Hill, small house and barn, good soil, low price for quick sale; very easy terms. Union Real Estate Company, Mahon Building, phone 4950.

FEW acres with comfortable 5-roomed house, situated on West Saanich Road, about eight miles from city, adjoining good general store and B. C. Electric Station; easy terms. Box 1294, Colonist.

FOR Sale—One acre with 4-room cottage; store and post office adjoining. Apply owner, G. Howitt, Metchosin, P. O.

HOUSES FOR SALE

A DANDY little 4-room, fully modern bungalow, situated in the best part of Fairfield district, very close to town; full cement basement, and the very finest of plumbing throughout. Come and look through this little house, and if you like it make an offer. Will take clear title lot as an exchange. 1329 Carnsew Street, off Moss. Phone 1117L.

A GENUINE bargain, 6-roomed fully modern home, near Fernwood car and High School, every convenience, brand new, reduced to $2,500; $100 cash, balance as rent. National Realty Co., 1232 Government St.

A RARE opportunity; swell 5-roomed brand new modern bungalow, going at enormous sacrifice; every convenience, fully furnished. English piano, crockery, carpets, everything as it stands and all as clean as a new pin; immediate disposal imperative, hence this ridiculously low price; only $2,550. Will arange terms to reliable party. Full particulars of this huge bargain from National Realty Co., 1232 Government St.

FOR Sale—10-room house, 5 bedrooms, modern in every particular. 1037 Richardson Street, or Geo. S. Russell, 1307 Government Street.

SNAP—Modern 6-room house between Kings Road and Ryan Street. Full particulars. Apply Box 1328, Colonist.

HOUSES WANTED

WILL pay $400 cash for lot, snap. Box 1348, Colonist.

WANTED—New, 4-room house, price must be right, and close to car line; will pay $300, balance monthly or assume mortgage. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort St.

WANTED to purchase from owner, lot with small house, must be cheap and terms as rent, Burnside district; send particulars to Box 1270, Colonist.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

AUCTION Prices—Furniture selling daily. Select Auction Room, 1016 Fort St.

BABY Grand piano, rosewood case, by Menzel; almost new, for sale cheap. Owner going to England. Box 1338, Colonist, or phone 4958R2.

BLACK soil and manure. Phone 168.

BUILD you basements with sandstone and granite; for sale cheap at 640 Montreal. Phone 3288.

BLACK soil and manure. Phone 1884.

CASH always ready for houses of good and medium class furniture, pianos, etc. Select Auction Rooms, 1016 Fort St.

COKE, 100-lb. sack delivered, 50 cents. Phone 1551L.

CAMERON millwood, $3 per cord, prompt delivery. White teamsters. Phone 5000.

DRY fir cordwood, $5 per cord, $2.50 half cord, delivered. Phone 2545.

FOR Sale—Player-piano, 88 note, high grade, Everson make, cost $675, 34 rolls cost over $40; will take $275 cash; need money. Box 1312, Colonist.

FOR Sale—Table, chairs, bed, stove, etc., this week only, any price. Box 1301, Colonist.

FINE, dry, log wood, $5.50 for cord, and good mill wood $3.50 cord. Phone 5382. Wasawa Singh, 18 Erie St.

GOOD furniture at sweeping prices; must be sold. 1703 Blanshard, corner Fisgard.

HELP the unemployed by buying wood from the Salvation Army Industrial, back of the City Hall; cordwood, $4.50, delivered; 12 and 16-inch blocks delivered, $5.50; split, $6 delivered; packing in extra, 40c per cord; half cords sold. Phone 5049.

RANGE and cook stove. Phone 168.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS
(Continued)

RHUBARB Roots—Crimson Winter and Champagne, magnificent varieties; very early, splendid color; prices from $1.00 to $1.50 per dozen, to $5.00 to $7.50 per 100. Charles Thomas, R. M. D., No. 2, Victoria, B. C.

STOVES, ranges; rare snaps. 1765 Blanshard.

YOU get satisfactory repairs at Godfree's, the Bicycle Specialist, 802 Yates.

MISCELLANEOUS

AUTOMOBILE stage to Gordon Head, 50c return. Proprietor, Charles Saunders, phone 3587.

CONTENTS (or portion) small furnished house for cash. Box 504, Colonist.

DANCE pianist open for engagements. Phone 348L2.

M. STERN will pay cash for slightly worn ladies' and gents' clothing, shoes and hats; also all kinds of carpenter tools, shotguns and rifles, and all kinds of musical instruments. Phone 4810. 1409 Store Street. Branch 609 Yates.

MILL wood, per cord $3.00. Phone 4130R.

SHOW Cards, Window Trimming—Cloth signs, back-ground designing and decorating; up-to-date displays of all kinds of merchandise; free estimates given on Christmas displays, back-ground settings, show cards, etc., also on out of town work; special terms given to manufacturers or retailers who wish a number of windows trimmed or show cards made. Windows trimmed day or night by experts. Apply Ray Bray, 1314 Douglas Street; phone 2144.

TIRES, Tires, Tires—All makes and sizes at cut prices for cash. Ford sizes, Dominion Nobby, $26.50, plain $16, chain $20, tubes $3.75. Dunlop Nobby $19. Sole agent for the Lee Tire, H. A. Davie, 617 Vancouver Street.

WANTED—Tenders to lease for three or five years, 13 acres adjoining city limits, including 10 acres bottom land. The whole is suitable for celery growing, and all kinds of market gardening. Apply Lee & Fraser, 1222 Broad St.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

PHAETON or other low and easily entered vehicle. It may be old-fashioned but must be in good condition and low priced. Chisamba Ranch, Royal Oak.

WANTED to Purchase—Language teaching phonograph with French or German records. Address Box 151, Colonist.

WANTED—Second-hand Cypher hovers and six-foot chicken netting, would exchange for practically new Melotte cream separator; could fetch from Victoria. Neal, Langford Station.

WANTED—A Grafonola or Victrola, in good order; must be cheap for cash. Apply Box 829, Colonist.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

AT 525 Simcoe St., furnished housekeeping suites; rents low.

BED sitting-room with kitchenette. Phone 4421R.

CLOSE Government Buildings, furnished housekeeping rooms, $2 suites with coal range and gas. 521 Simcoe St.

FOR Rent—Fine large housekeeping room, every convenience; close to C. P. R., 407 Belleville.

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms, $5 month and up; all conveniences. 1036 Hillside Ave.

GOOD housekeeping room, close in. 1515 Blanshard St.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms, 836 Caledonia Avenue.

TWO furnished housekeeping rooms, $9 a month. 733 Discovery Street.

THREE-roomed furnished cottage; also housekeeping; 1120 Vancouver.

1178 Fort St., housekeeping rooms; all conveniences.

WANTED—HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

LADY wants small furnished apartment with stove, 2-room house or housekeeping rooms; central. Winslow, Box 1339, Colonist.

FURNISHED ROOMS

SPACIOUS front bed-sitting room, gas-Ring. $3.50. Phone 4421R.

THE Poplars, Government and Belleville, $1.25 week up; 25c night up.

505 GOVERNMENT Street, newly furnished rooms, every modern convenience and in heart of city. Phone 2198Y.

WANTED—FURNISHED ROOMS

WANTED—Furnished bed sitting-room, suitable for light housekeeping, by lady; must be warm, pleasant and have bath conveniences, in private home preferred, or with quiet couple; must be cheap and central. Reply to B., care Y. W. C. A.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Black cow, just newly calved; owner can have same by paying expenses. Apply Parsons' Bridge Hotel.

LOST on Wednesday afternoon, December 23, an amethyst and pearl pendant. 1048 Princess Ave. Reward.

LOST—A little boy, fair hair, blue eyes, small scar under left eye, dressed in a navy blue knickerbocker suit, black stockings and brown shoes; last seen leaving Fisher's Tea and Coffee Store, 730 Yates Street, carrying one pound of Fisher's 50c tea.

LOST—Holstein heifer from Sluggitt's, nearly white, 18 months old, $10 reward. Phone Longland, F13.

LOST—On December 29, Swan fountain pen. Reward. Thompson's Grocery, 607 Vancouver Street.

LOST—Small gunmetal watch in green leather case, between University School gates and St. Luke's Parish Home, Mount Tolmie. Return Miss Harvey, Union Bank.

LOST—On Saturday, a small glass locket containing hair. Finder will be rewarded on leaving at Little & Taylor's, Fort St.

LOST—New crosscut saw, between E. G. Prior & Co.'s store and Starling's blacksmith shop, Saanichton. Finder will please notify Sidney Rapid Transit Co., 322 [illegible] Bldg. Phone 2529, and receive reward.

LOST—Lady's gold watch, hunting case; initials I. N. G.; between Outer Wharf and Gordon Drysdale's. Reward on return to Montana Restaurant.

LOST—December 23, big gold earring set with five small turquoises. Finder please leave at Little & Taylor's, Fort Street. Reward.

LOST—English Setter dog, black and white markings, leather collar with brass studs. Please phone 2566R.

STRAYED onto my property on Saturday, one dark grey pony. Owner can have same by paying board and for this advertisement. Apply brick bungalow, Carey Road.

WATERMAN fountain pen left December 28, on desk, Savings Department, Merchants' Bank. $2 Reward on return to Thomas Plimley, 735 Johnson Street.

$5.00 REWARD—Lost, black and white English setter bitch. Anyone detaining same after this notice will be prosecuted. Bill Lake, Albert Head quarry.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

AS hens don't always lay, and feed is dear, try Belgian hare raising. Always increasing in weight. Stock for sale. Rabbitries, Rock Ave., R. M. D. 4, Victoria.

BEES for sale, hives and appliances. Apply H. H. Grist, R.M.D. 4, Victoria.

CANARIES for sale from $1.50 up. W. J. Palmer, 1401 Monterey Ave.

FOR Sale—Gordon Setter pups, bred from good stock. Phone 4793L.

FOR Sale—Thoroughbred female Gordon Setter with two male pups one month old; sell all or single. 430 Williams St., Victoria West.

FOR Sale—Laying pullets, pure White Leghorns and Barred Rock. Corner Quadra and Tolmie.

FOR Sale—Pomeranian Spitz dog, pedigreed, cheap to good home. Box 1317, Colonist.

FOR Sale—Two first-class young cows, fresh, others will freshen in few days. D. Blythe, corner Bay and Cadboro Bay Road. Take Uplands car.

FOR Sale—High class English Bull pups, pedigreed stock. Slingerland, Royal Oak.

FOR Sale—Four first-class Gordon setter puppies. Apply phones 220, 4808L.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK
(Continued)

NOVEL Xmas gifts, miniature Pomeranians and Persian kittens, cheap. 541 Burdett Ave.

PEDIGREED wire-haired fox terrier puppies for sale, price $10 each. 433 Durban Street, phone 4850L.

REGISTERED Southdown ram, two shear, offered in exchange for ewes or ewe lambs. H. C. Oldfield, Elk Lake, P. O. Drawer 578, Victoria.

RHODE Island Red yearling hens and pullets, laying; cockerels and cocks. W. H. Van Arum, 2434 Cadboro Bay Road.

TO trade; team of good horses, 1500 each, wagon and harness, etc., for grazing calves or yearlings. P. O. Box 340.

USE the "John Bull" Egg Producer and get eggs now they are scarce. Agents Brackman, Ker & Co., Victoria.

WANTED—A thoroughbred Embden goose for breeding purposes. Chisamba Ranch, Royal Oak.

WANTED—Good cow, not less than two gallons, to keep over Winter; best care. Phone 1933R1.

WANT to purchase a good delivery horse (no cripples); also buggy and harness. Apply 2086 Byron St. Phone 1863L1.

ROOM AND BOARD

AT 626 Superior Street, board and room, near Government Bldgs. Phone 4391.

COMFORTABLE room and board, reasonable, close in, furnace heat. 616 Vancouver. Phone 3820X.

HAVE accommodation for several elderly people beautiful, large airy rooms, reasonable; references exchanged. Phone 1305L. 225 Quebec St.

ROOM and board with home comforts for two young school ladies; no others kept. Call at 1911 Cowan Ave.

WANTED—Two young men to board and share bed. $6; no other boarders. Phone 3065R2.

WANTED—ROOM AND BOARD

ROOM, board if required, close to Normal School; laundry also attended to. Brown, Private Road, side University School, Mount Tolmie.

FLATS AND APARTMENTS

AT Mount Edwards, corner Fort and Vancouver, furnished and unfurnished suites; large rooms; car fares saved.

ALANDALE apartments, corner Linden Avenue and Hilda, front suite and one single suite to rent; first-class, lots of heat and hot water; rents low. H. E. Maddock, 27 Winch Bldg., phone 2613.

FURNISHED 3-room and bath suites $15; unfurnished $12; Fairfield district. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government St.

FROM $11 a month up, two rooms furnished, lots of hot water, hot water heat. 2914 Douglas. The Belwil.

FOR Sale—Ten acres, four miles from Duncans, five acres partly cleared, two acres fenced and under cultivation, 1-room house, barn, two chicken houses; fronting on main road; price $2,000; terms to suit. Box 527, Colonist.

GLENGARRY, 316 Cook Street, up-to-date. Phone 5198.

MT. DOUGLAS Apartments; desirable place to Winter in; very reasonable. Phone 3425R.

PARK View Apartments; 4-room flats, hot and cold water, gas range, all modern; $12.

TO Rent—Bright, cheerful 4-room flat, heated, hot and cold water; close in; completely furnished. 456 Chester Avenue, phone 2466L.

TO RENT—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR Rent—Desk room, including typewriter, desk and phone, in front office. Apply 24 Winch Bldg., or phone 1915.

FOR Rent—Chicken ranch, 1 acre, house and buildings, near station, $12 per month. Holmes, Strawberry Vale.

SHARE of office with old established financial firm, every convenience. Box 1279, Colonist.

STORAGE—We store everything and remove goods. E. Zimmerli, 725½ Fort Street. Phone 2796.

TO Rent—160 acres, farm, Courtenay, B. C.; 23 acres cleared, 20 acres in pasture, 5-roomed house, barn and outbuildings, stock and implements; $220 per year. Apply 750 Market St., Victoria.

WANTED TO RENT—MISCEL.

WANTED—Fair sized hall, down town district, for Sunday night, or permanent use; must be reasonable rent. Box 1266, Colonist.

WANTED to Rent—Gasoline circular or drag saw; must be in good condition. Phone 3797L.

BUSINESS CHANCES

A WELL established blacksmith shop for sale as going concern, for $75; terms $25 cash and balance on terms. F. Williams, 724 Johnson St.

AUTOMOBILES

AUTOMOBILES for sale; model T Ford; Cadillac truck, 1913; Chalmers, $650; 1912 Overland. Cameron, 521 Superior St., behind Parliament Buildings.

ABSOLUTE Snap—1911 Cadillac just repainted and thoroughly overhauled, runs like a sewing machine; good tires, $600 cash. Union Garage, phone 121.

A HANDSOME English Humber automobile, new, with Cabriolet body, suitable for high class taxi, for sale or trade for good clear-title real estate. W. Mermod, Port Alberni.

BARGAIN for cash, 5-passenger Light Six touring car in perfect condition. Phone 3972L, or 471.

FOR Sale—Five-passenger Overland car, new tires and inner tubes; price $490. Phone 2834O. Car at Pauline's Garage, Pembroke Street.

FORD Hand Cars—Wanted second-hand Ford automobile; will pay cash. Box 1256, Colonist.

HUDSON, 7-passenger, for sale or trade for smaller car. 1041 Queen's Ave.

WANTED to trade, 5-passenger 6-cylinder car for Ford and property. Phone 3587.

WILL buy old cars and motors. State address. Box 1314, Colonist.

WANTED to trade, Cadillac car in good condition, suitable for stage run, for smaller car. Apply A. Chilton, 414 Sayward Bldg., or phone 2777.

WANT TO EXCHANGE

A QUARTER section, best in Alberta; deep black loam, 60 cultivated, half mile C. P. station. I will sell at great bargain or consider trade, 262 Mills St., City.

BUSINESS property, close in, Vancouver. Equity $8,000; trade for small ranch or suitable acreage near Victoria. P. O. Box 249.

DON'T Miss Opportunities—500 picked trade listings to choose from. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government St.

EXCHANGE—Equity of about $3,000 in 8-room modern house, best part of city of Lethbridge; mortgage $1,500, runs five years, for good automobile and city lot with clear title. Address Box 1289, Colonist.

EXCHANGE—Have two very good exchanges in Oak Bay house property down to mortgage, for lots or acreage. P. O. Box 878, Victoria.

TO Exchange—8-room new, modern residence, Oak Bay, $6,000; will consider lots. Phone 5017R.

FOR RENT—HOUSES

A MODERN 6-room bungalow, basement, rent $15. Apply Deaville Grocery, Hillside, near Douglas.

FOR Rent—Five-room modern bungalow, northeast corner of Tolmie and Linwood Avenues, $14.50 per month. Apply next door, east.

SEVEN rooms, new, modern, furnace, Belmont Avenue, $16.50. 1444 Pembroke Ave.

SIX-room house, 583 John Street, newly renovated, $15. Apply V. Jacobson, Box 24, Thetburn P. O.

TO Let—Five-room cottage. Apply 1951 Burdett Ave.

TO Rent—Good 2-roomed shack, low rent, on Brett Ave. Apply Box 1321, Colonist.

TO Rent—On Government St., near Bay, house, five rooms, modern, with gas range and blinds. Inquire at 724 Johnson St. work hours, or at 3494 Cook St. J. E. Elliott.

FOR RENT—HOUSES
(Continued)

UNFURNISHED Houses to Rent—Six rooms, Regent Street, $15. Six rooms, Mason Street, $10. Seven rooms, Olympia Avenue, $25. Nine rooms, Margaret Street, $25. Seven rooms, Maclure Street, $25. Seven rooms, Superior Street, $20. Six rooms, Fell Street, $20. Eight rooms, Beach Drive, $25. Five rooms, Monterey Avenue, $20. Six rooms, Mitchell Street, $30. Nine rooms, Vancouver Street, $20. Seven rooms, Seaview Avenue, $30. Five rooms, Kelvin Road, $10. Six rooms, Burns Avenue, $10. Six rooms, Alpha Street, $10. Twelve rooms, Maclure Street, $25. (Thoroughly modern, partly furnished). Green & Burdick Bros., Ltd., Broughton and Langley Streets. Phones 4169 and 4170.

$15 per month—Nice, modern, 4-room cottage to rent from Jan. 1st; 1772 Bay St., close to Richmond Road car line and Jubilee Hospital. Apply at house or Phone 9201L.

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

FOR Rent—Three-room cottage, furnished absolutely complete, including bed linen, crockery, cutlery, kitchen utensils, etc.; modern with portable bath; beautiful location on waterfront at Foul Bay; rent $15 month to careful tenant. Apply Mrs. Denny, 1843 Crescent Road, phone 5153L.

FIVE-ROOMED modern house, half mile, modern, rent reasonable; possession January 5. Phone 4672 or Box 1165, Colonist.

FURNISHED house, six rooms, sea view, Shoal Bay, $30 per month. Box 1041, Colonist.

TO Rent—Cottage facing sea, Cowichan Bay, three minutes from hotel, P. O., store; partly furnished; water laid on. Kingscote, Cowichan Bay.

WANT—FURNISHED HOUSES

FURNISHED house wanted, 4 or 6 rooms, Oak Bay district preferred; moderate rent. Box 1243, Colonist.

WANTED—Well furnished 8 or 9-room house for immediate occupation, Oak Bay preferred; careful tenant. Apply Merchants' Finance & Trading Co., Ltd., Belmont Block, phone 3756.

WANTED—Completely furnished modern house, about 6 rooms, by January 15. S. Munroe, 1133 Monterey.

WANTED to rent, furnished house containing six bedrooms, in the vicinity of high school; state rent. Box 877, Colonist.

PERSONAL

LADY wishes to meet another traveling to England some time in January. Box 332, Colonist.

ROYAL Naval and Marine Old Comrade Association. The above Association will meet on Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Friends' Hall, 717 Courtney Street; meeting to commence at 8 o'clock P. M. All ex-naval and marines cordially invited.

TAKE Notice—Second Canadian Mounted Rifles—Lieut.-Col. C. L. Bott will not be responsible for any debts incurred by members of the regiment, other than by orders signed by Lt.-Col. C. L. Bott, O. C.; Capt. G. J. Johnston, Adjutant; Lieut. Brooks, Quartermaster; Major Bardolph, Major P. Allen, Major Bapty, Squadron Commanders.

WANTED TO BORROW

WANTED—Loan of $3,000 on 300 acres, clear title, good district, near Victoria. Box 1161, Colonist.

WANTED to borrow, $2,000 on a first-class modern residence in Victoria, valued at $11,000. Box 4396, Colonist.

$5,000 AT 8 per cent wanted on very highly improved property, worth $30,000. Box 1345, Colonist.

AGENTS WANTED

WANTED—Good man to take good agency either this district or the whole Island. Box 1357, Colonist.

CROFT & ASHBY

Real Estate, Timber, Mines and Coal Lands
Phone 2993, 634 View St., P. O. Box 906.

BARGAIN—Vancouver Island, 130 acres, only $1,450; 80 acres bottom land, no rock; house, garden, etc. $450 cash, balance easy.

BARGAIN—672 acres, near line proposed railway, fine grazing, hay meadows, on stream, lake, under $7 per acre.

BARGAIN—530 acres, within 50 miles Victoria, 73 acres cultivated, 190 acres grass, near rail and sea, for trade or purchase; stock, etc., under $95 per acre.

NORTHWEST farms, etc., exchange for city property.

TIMBER—50,000,000,000 feet to choose from, British Columbia, Oregon and Washington.

A. TOLLER

604 Yates Street, top flat Room 10

FOR SALE

CHICKEN and fruit farm, close in, about five acres and nicely fenced and cleared. A number of fruit trees and strawberry plants; 6-room house, barn, stable, chicken houses, stock and implements.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session on behalf of Uplands Limited for an Act to authorize the applicants to carry out and perform the agreement set forth in Schedule C to the Oak Bay Act, 1910, as it may be varied by agreement between the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay (hereinafter called the Corporation), and the applicants. To authorize a supplemental agreement between the applicants and the Corporation upon the matters herein referred to: To empower the Corporation to charge a lower rate for water supplied to the applicants for fire protection, watering streets, boulevards, parks and squares, and flushing sewers than is charged for domestic purposes, and to fix such price or rates as it shall think proper to be charged for water supplied to the applicants for fire protection, watering streets and boulevards, parks and squares, and flushing sewers within Upland Farm. To authorize an agreement between the applicants and the Corporation relating to the water rates, and to the collection and the enforcing and securing the payment of water rates for water supplied to the residents within Upland Farm, or to the applicants, in such manner as may be provided by the water charges, and other by-laws of the Corporation, and to the right to the Corporation to enter upon Lot X and the boulevards, parks and squares within Upland Farm for the purpose of installing, maintaining, inspecting and shutting off of meters, valves and stop cocks, and discontinuing the supply of water on non-payment of water rentals, and as to the taking over by the Corporation of the mains, meters, valves and water supply plant of the applicants: To give to the Corporation and the applicants respectively the rights, powers and authorities above mentioned, or referred to: To extend the time for the completion by the applicants of the works mentioned in the said agreement set forth in said Schedule C. To confirm the plan of the said Upland Farm deposited in the Victoria Land Registry Office and there numbered 1216A; and to authorize the substitution therefor of another similar plan of the subdivision with the addition of further subdivisions of certain lots comprised within said plan No. 1216A. In all other respects to ratify and confirm the said agreement set forth in said Schedule C and the assessment therein provided for and to continue the same respectively in full force until the 31st December, 1919.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 1914.

A. P. LUXTON,
Solicitor for the Applicants

NOTICE

Applications will be received by the undersigned for the position of Third Senior Class Teacher for the Ladysmith Public School. Salary, $65.00 for the first six months, then advanced to $70.00. Applications to be in on or before Thursday, December 31, 1914, at 7 p. m.

IRA E. LOWE, Secretary,
Ladysmith School Board.

NOTICE

LIQUOR ACT, 1910

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the 15th day of December next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the (renewal of wholesale license) in and upon the premises known as 1117-1131 Wharf St., situate at Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 22th day of November, 1914.

R. P. RITHET & CO. LTD.
Applicant.
Per M. V. G. CHATTERTON.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given that the time limited by the Rules of the House for the presentation of petitions for Private Bills expires on Monday, the first day of February, 1915.

Private bills must be presented to the House not later than Thursday, the eleventh day of February, 1915.

Reports of Committees on Private Bills will not be received by the House after Thursday, the eighteenth day of February, 1915.

Dated this eleventh day of December, 1914.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate an educational institution, and being the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia, in connection with the Church of England in Canada, and under the authority of the Provincial and General Synods thereof, with power to acquire, hold, possess and enjoy real and personal property within or without the Province, and to lease, mortgage, sell and transfer the same; also with power to borrow or loan money, and to give or receive security therefor, also with power to arrange and teach classes in the theological and allied subjects; to establish halls in affiliation with said college; to affiliate with the University of British Columbia, and with other halls already established, and to confer degrees in Divinity and generally to exercise and enjoy all such other rights, powers and privileges as are usually possessed by theological colleges.

Dated this 28th day of November, A. D. 1914.

COWAN RITCHIE & GRANT,
Solicitors for Applicants

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session by the Corporation of the District of Sanich for an Act to be entitled "Saanich Municipality Act, 1915":

(a) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality in addition to all powers contained in Subsec. 103, of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, to pass a By-law charging the owners or occupants of any house, property, tenement, lot or part of lot, or both, in, through, or past which any water main or pipe shall run, a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of use of the water, whether such owner or occupant shall use the water or not, or is connected or not with the water main or pipe, and for charging the owner or lessee of each vacant property, lot or part of lot, fronting on any street in, through or past which any water main or pipes are to be placed, provided the pipe or main runs in, through or past the said property, lot or part of lot, with a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of using the water, whether there is any connection or not, and for providing that these powers shall apply to all water works heretofore constructed under Local Improvement System and taken over by the Municipality, and to all water works hereafter constructed with moneys heretofore voted.

(b) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality when a work is to be or has been done either under the Municipal Act or Local Improvement Act when a frontage rate is incapable or difficult of determination, to charge an equitable proportion of the cost of any such work against any area or areas whether subdivided or not, and whether the same has or has not any frontage on any street; and to assess such charge by a special rate:

(c) To take over, alter and improve any water works, mains, pipes, or plant heretofore or hereafter constructed, and to assume all liability in connection therewith, and particularly to exercise in connection therewith the rights provided by Subsec. 103 of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, and all rights to be granted by the Act to be obtained:

(d) Authorizing the Municipality to borrow any amount for fire protection purposes:

(e) Validating the Marigold and Blackwood Local Improvement By-law and additional by-laws affecting the same to be hereafter passed defining the area set out in said by-laws and fixing the assessments and permitting the Municipality to assess and collect the actual costs of the works.

(f) And for such other powers as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the above.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1914.

BARNARD, ROBERTSON, HEISTERMAN & TAIT,
Of 10th Floor, B. C. Permanent Loan Building, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Corporation of the District of Saanich.

NOTICE

Take notice that application will be made to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at their next sittings to be held after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, for the transfer to Albert Edward Brooks and Harry Handson Boyde, of Victoria, B. C., of the licence now held by me to sell spirituous liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Comus Hotel, situate at the corner of Store and Cormorant Streets, in the said City of Victoria.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of December, 1914.

WM. A. GATT.
Witness: J. Murray Mitchell.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their next sitting, for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me in respect of the Clarence Hotel, situate at 1305 and 1307 Douglas Street, in the City of Victoria, to Harry Campbell, of the said City of Victoria.

Dated the 12th day of November, 1914.

JAS. CALLANDER.

NOTICE

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT
Section 18

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 29th day of December, 1914, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the renewal for the period ending December 31, 1915, of Wholesale Liquor License No. 216, now held by the undersigned in respect of the premises known as the Silver Spring Brewery, situate at the corner of Catherine and Lime Streets, Victoria West, B. C.

Dated the 28th day of November, 1914.

SILVER SPRING BREWERY, LTD.,
Per H. MAYNARD, Manager.
Applicant.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at its next session, for a transfer of all my interest in and to the liquor license issued in respect of the James Bay Hotel, situate on Government Street, Victoria, B. C., from me to Mr. Herman Roth.

Dated the 8th day of December, 1914.

FRED C. SMITH,
By His Attorney in fact and Assignee,
W. H. ADAMS.

NOTICE

Take notice that it is the intention of the undersigned to apply for the transfer of the Licence to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as Willows Hotel, Oak Bay, Victoria District, from Alexander Lipsky (now deceased) to Elizabeth Lipsky, at the sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the Municipality of Oak Bay on Wednesday, the tenth (10th) day of March, 1915.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 1st day of December, 1914.

ELIZABETH LIPSKY,
Executrix and Trustee of the Estate and goods of Alexander Lipsky, deceased.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY—COURT OF REVISION OF VOTERS' LIST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Court of Revision of the Voters' List will be held in the Council Chamber, Oak Bay Avenue, on Monday, January 4th, 1915, at 8 p. m.

F. W. CLAYTON,
C. M. C.

LOCAL RETAIL MARKETS

Flour	
B. & K. Bread Flour, per 49-lb. sack	[illegible]
Lake of the Woods, bag	2.00
Royal Household, bag	2.00
Royal Standard, bag	2.00
Moffet's Best, bag	1.85
Snowflake, bag	1.85
Purity, bag	2.00
Wild Rose, bag	[illegible]
Gold Seal, per sack	1.85
Five Roses, sack	2.00
Sugar	
B. C. Granulated, 20-lb. sk.	1.45
B. C. Granulated, 100-lb. sk.	7.00
Meat	
Beef, per lb.	.12½ to .28
Ducks, per lb.	.27
Geese, per lb.	.25
Fowl, lb.	.20
Chickens, milk fed, lb.	.25 to .30
Turkeys, per lb.	.30 to .35
Mutton—	
Forequarters, per lb.	.15 to .17
Hindquarters, per lb.	.20 to .25
New Zealand Mutton, lb.	.11 to .20
Lamb, forequarters, lb.	.18
Lamb Hindquarters, lb.	.25
Local Leg Mutton	.25
Local Forequarters Mutton	.15
Fruits	
Oranges, per dozen	.25, .35, .40
Jap Oranges, box	.40
California Pears, basket	.50
Lemons, California, doz.	.35
Apples, local, new, box	1.00 to 1.25
Okanagan Apples	1.40
Bananas, per doz.	.35
Imp. Malaga Grapes, lb.	.35
Cornichon Grapes, basket	.75
Grapefruit, each	.10 and .15
Cassaba Melon, each	.40
Cape Cod Cranberries per lb	.12
Italian Chestnuts, lb.	.25
Japanese Chestnuts, lb.	.25
Jersey Cranberries, lb.	.15
Vegetables	
Ashcroft Potatoes	1.75
B. C. Potatoes	1.30
Beets, new, per bunch	.05
Spinach, 5 lbs.	.25
Calif. new head Cabbage, lb.	.04
Garlic, per lb.	.25
Parsnips, bunch	.05
Local Celery, stalk	.10
California Celery, 2 for	.25
Tomatoes, per basket	.75
Green Onions, 3 bunches	.10
California Dry Onions, 12 lb.	.25
Local Head Lettuce	.05
Local Hot House Lettuce, 3 for	.10
California Head Lettuce	.10
Hot House California Cucumbers	.25
Parsley, per bunch	.05
Peppers, green, per lb.	.25
Carrots, per bunch	.05
Radish, per bunch	.05
Turnips, per bunch	.05
California Tomatoes, per lb.	.10
Spanish Onions, 4 lbs.	.25
California Pickling Onions, 8 lbs.	.25
Pmpkins, lb.	.03
California Cauliflowers	.20
Sweet Potatoes, 5 lbs.	.25
Globe Artichokes, each	.15
Local Hot House Green Peas, 2 for	.25
Fish	
Salmon	.15
Halibut	.12½
Cod	.10
Finnan Haddie	.12½
Soles	.12½
Herring, per lb.	.05
Skate	.10
Smelts	.12½
Whiting	.12½
Esquimalt Oysters, doz.	.50
Dairy Produce and Eggs	
Eggs—	
Contest Eggs	.55
Local, fresh, dozen	.50
Eastern Eggs, doz.	.35
Butter—	
Comox	.45
Edenbank (Chilliwack)	.45
Cowichan Creamery	.45
Salt Spring Island, lb.	.45
New Zealand, lb.	.37 to .40
N. W. Creamery, lb.	.45
Eastern Townships, lb.	.35
Eastern Creamery, lb.	.35
Cheese, Canadian, lb.	.20
English Stilton, per lb.	.60
Canadian Stilton, per lb.	.30
Feed	
Alfalfa Hay, per ton	$22.00 $24.00
Timothy Hay, per ton	$18.00 $20.00
Barley, per 100 lbs.	$2.00
Ground Barley, per 100 lbs.	$2.10
Bran, per 100 lbs.	1.65
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	$1.75
Corn, per 100 lbs.	2.00
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	2.10
Oats, per 100 lbs.	$2.10
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.	$2.10
Straw, per bale	.75

TENDERS

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned, will be received at this office until 4 p. m., January 20, 1915, for the supplying of gun license badges for the present year. Full particulars as to number and quality can be obtained by application to this office. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. BRYAN WILLIAMS,
Provincial Game Warden,
Court House, Vancouver, B. C.

TENDERS FOR GROCERY BUSINESS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Saturday, the 9th day of January, 1915, for the purchase of the stock in trade, fixtures, fittings, two horses, delivery wagons and book debts of Samuel Evans, Brumpton Block, Nanaimo, as a going concern. The business may be viewed at any time by appointment with the manager pro tem., E. S. Woodward, at the store. Full particulars may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Dated December 30, 1914.

G. W. ANTHONY,
Assignee.
Address: 407 Jones Building, Victoria.
Phone 4936.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of a Warrant of Execution issued out of the County Court and a Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and to me directed against the goods and chattels of Frank Perry, 929 Yates Street, I have seized and taken possession of a quantity of cord wood, approximately 60 cords, and will offer the same for sale at public auction on the premises on Thursday next, December 31, at 10:30 a. m.

Terms of sale cash.

F. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B. C., December 28, 1914.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership which has for some time past been carried on by Frederick E. Clark, Arthur W. Curtiss-Hurst and William Lathem, under the name of C. & C. Billiard Parlors, at Metropolitan Building, 712 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C., was this day dissolved, in so far as regards Frederick E. Clark. Arthur W. Curtiss-Hurst and William Lathem, the remaining partners, will continue to carry on the said business.

Dated 30th day of December, 1914.

F. E. CLARK,
A. W. CURTISS-HURST,
W. LATHEM.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court of Revision on the Voters' List will be held in the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt Road, at 8 p. m., on Monday, January 4, 1915.

G. H. PULLEN,
C. M. C.

CITY OF VICTORIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the proclamation of His Majesty the King a Public Service of Intercession and Prayer will be held in the Royal Victoria Theatre on Sunday next, the 3rd day of January, 1915, at 3:30 p. m. His Worship the Mayor will preside.

The order of service has been arranged by a committee of the City Council, and the public in general are invited to attend.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C.,
December 30, 1914.

SPLENDID PROGRAMME FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sports, Pastimes, Concerts, Receptions, Lecture, Tableaux, Sham Battle and Amusements at Y. M. C. A.

New Year's Day will be a busy one at the local Y. M. C. A. judging from the fine programme which has been prepared by Secretary Witham and his associates for the delectation of the members and their friends. Included are athletic sports, concerts, social receptions, a treasure hunt, a lecture on military matters, and a special programme of entertainments for, and by, the military.

As early as 9 a.m. activities will start in the building when basketball will be played until 10 o'clock. Punctually at 10 the relay race, for juniors only, will start from the Willows finishing at the "Y" building, followed at 11 o'clock by the team race over the same course by soldier teams and seniors from the Y. M. C. A. This race has been arranged by Mr. Yates, in charge of the branch at the Willows camp and will be between teams of at least four men from each company and regiment at the camp, the city Y. M. C. A. also entering a team. Major Bapty of the 2nd C. M. R. will be the starter and Mr. H. G. Beall the referee. There will be an entry fee of $1.00 for each team, all of the money received being expended in prizes. Prizes will be given to the first and second teams and medals to the winning team of four. Entry forms for this race can be had at the Y. M. C. A. building and must be handed in before tonight.

Between 3 and 5 in the afternoon an aquatic competition will be held in the swimming pool, soldiers being invited to enter for the open events.

From 11 to 12 in the morning a patriotic concert will be given in the lobby by the Fifth Regiment band, by kind permission of Col. Winsby and officers of the regiment.

From 2 to 6 p.m. there will be open house and reception under the auspices of the Ladies' Committee and Directors of the Association.

From 3 to 5 there will be a programme of sports in the gymnasium, consisting of basketball and volleyball by the two business men's classes and, in the picturesque language of the official programme, "other stunts a plenty." Four to five is the hour fixed for an aquatic programme in the "old swimming hole," 5 to 6 being put down for "getting acquainted" in the lobby. An informal reception will be held in the lobby from 7:15 to 8:30, music being furnished by the military men, while from 7:30 to 8:30 will be shown the grand spectacular entertainment by the boys in the swimming tank entitled "The Bombardment of Zeebrugge," which, judging by the realistic way in which the boys fought a mimic "Battle of the Aisne" on Thanksgiving Day, should prove a great attraction.

The day's entertainment will be wound up in the evening by a grand military programme, consisting of strains from the bugles, drilling the awkward squad, tableaux, songs and recitations, after which Major Beale will deliver a lecture on "A Fighting Line of Ten Million Men, How They Are Fed, How They Get Their Ammunition and Supplies, Etc.," illustrated by the use of a blackboard. The national airs will be played and sung. Refreshments will be served by the ladies' committee during the afternoon and evening, and everyone in Victoria may consider themselves invited to enjoy the fine programme of amusements and festivities which has been arranged to be carried out under the management of the staff and social work committees of the Association.

Welsh and White to Meet

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Charlie White, of Chicago, and Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, have been matched to fight ten rounds in New York on January 13, according to word received here tonight from White's manager. The message said the fighters are to weigh in at 135 pounds at 3 o'clock on the day of the fight.

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB

Draw for Calcutta Handicap Men's Foursomes to Be Played on New Year's Day

The following is the result of the draw for the Calcutta Handicap Foursomes to be played at the Victoria Golf Club links at Oak Bay on New Year's Day. Players to arrange with opponents for start of play:

No. 1—Watson & McIntyre Handicap. No. 2—H. G. Wilson and E. V. Bodwell.

No. 3—Walroth and C. E. Thomas. No. 4—Col. Peters and H. W. R. Moore.

No. 5—P. Criddle and J. P. Babcock. No. 6—B. Tye and A. Stuart Robertson.

No. 7 (bye)—G. H. Barnard and Mr. Justice Martin.

No. 8—A. Shaw and H. Ross. No. 9—W. Cattels and J. Barnacle.

No. 10—F. M. Reade and J. Rattenbury. No. 11 — C. E. Wilson and J. Pinkham.

No. 12 (bye)—J. W. Ambury and A. C. Flumerfelt.

No. 13—C. A. Holland and R. J. Horton. No. 14—J. A. Sayward and G. Greenhill.

No. 15—J. E. Wilson and G. Raymond. No. 16—H. Patterson and William C. Todd.

No. 17—W. H. Ricardo and A. Coles. No. 18—H. G. Garrett and Col. Jones.

The winners of couples Nos. 8 and 3 play No. 7 couple.

The winners of couples Nos. 10 and 11 play No. 12 couple.

MINIATURE RANGE IS MODEL OF EQUIPMENT

Best of Rifles and Competent Instruction Provided at the New Jones Block Range

How many men can be reasonably sure of hitting what they aim at? It looks a simple matter to shoot, and so it is, but it is not so simple to shoot straight. Lord Kitchener has said, "it is the men who can shoot straight" that he wants, and while there are numbers of men who are doing their duty by staying at home, there is no reason why they should not be prepared as much as possible, for any emergency that may arise. Every man should be able to protect himself and his own, and a knowledge of rifle shooting is undoubtedly the first step towards being able to do so. But apart from any sense of duty which may prompt a man to learn, rifle shooting provides an inexpensive and pleasant recreation, combining business with pleasure as in no other sport. It is a clean, healthy pastime which can be enjoyed by old and young alike on equal terms.

There are several indoor rifle ranges in the city, the latest to be installed being in the basement of the Jones Building, Fort Street. It is modern in every respect and provides the best rifles procurable.

For a nominal club fee, a man can spend a pleasant half hour or a whole evening in the range and go away with the satisfaction of knowing that the time has been profitably spent.

A man schooled on the miniature range is more than half trained for his musketry course with the service arm. "Look upon rifle shooting as a sport by all means, but never lose sight of the more serious side, 'the duty of citizenship.' It should be as natural to a man to shoot as to walk or to run, and as congenial as to play games."

If you can't shoot, learn; if you can shoot, keep in practice. Full particulars of this new range may be obtained from Mr. Stewart G. Clark, at Swinerton & Musgrave's office, Winch Building, Fort Street.

Professional Tennis

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Walter Kinsella, former squash tennis champion of England, today won the professional title in that sport by defeating Stephen J. Faron, the American champion, in the third and last match of their series here. The scores in today's games, played at the Princeton Club were 10-15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-8.

Twenty-one of every 1,000 marriages in Great Britain are between first cousins.

Italy's merchant marine consists of 5,532 ships.

BIG SHIPS FIGURE ON SAILING LIST

First of 17-Knot Osaka Liners to Leave Hong Kong for Victoria on August 7—Twelve-Day Schedule.

Confirming the report which recently appeared in these columns to the effect that the new 17-knot steamships Manila Maru and Hawaii Maru, now completinging at Japanese yards for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, would be placed in the Hong Kong-Victoria trade this Summer, the local agents of the line, R. P. Rithet & Co., have received the 1915 sailing list, giving the regular sailings of these two fine passenger steamships.

The Manila Maru and the Hawaii Maru are to be launched early in the new year, and the first will enter the transpacific service on August 7, when she departs from Hong Kong for Victoria via Yokohama. The vessels to be replaced are the Seattle Maru and the Panama Maru. These vessels, it is said, are slated for the Yokohama-Bombay trade. The first of these 10,000-ton liners will reach Victoria on September 1. Apart from the Canadian-Pacific Empresses they will be the fastest steamers engaged in the Oriental-British Columbia trade, covering the 4,200 miles from Yokohama in twelve days.

Seeking Silk Trade.

These steamships were designed for the operation of a fast passnger and freight service across the Pacific, and with the means of giving rapid transit, the company is figuring on handling a big share of the silk trade between the Far East and this coast. The best that the ships at present engaged in this service can do, is thirteen knots, and the average voyage from Yokohama is fifteen days, although the distance has occasionally been covered in fourteen days.

The older vessels to operate in conjunction with the Manila Maru and the Hawaii Maru, will be the Canada Maru, Mexico Maru, Tacoma Maru and Chicago Maru.

After the completion of the first round voyage by the initial ship, the two new liners will be operated so that they will follow each other in the service

CHARGE PRUSSIAN GUARD

Germans Remark British Must Be Possessed of Devil When They Use Bayonet

Private S. Geary, of the R. A. M. C., writing to his brother in Surrey, gives a thrilling account of one of the charges against the Prussian Guard as follows:

There are no flies on them (the Prussian Guard) I can tell you. They fought like demons. One young officer did a magnificent bit of work; nothing could stop him; he jumped out of his trench and yelled, "Old England for ever! Follow me, lads." With half a company he dashed forward for quite fifty yards, and he and his men simply performed miracles. As I watched them I was spellbound. They seemed to possess superhuman strength, and went raving made with passion. They were caked from head to foot in mud, and presented the most fearful picture that could be imagined, as they attacked like wild beasts. The big Germans were rushing on four to one, but they could not beat our fellows back. Those who were not killed or wounded got away to shelter, and our boys returned to their trenches cheering and shouting. Five minutes later the Germans came again and again, but not a single man got within ten yards of the trenches. Sir Douglas Haig, thanking the men for the splendid way in which they had resisted the attack, said their fighting was one of the finest records in the annals of the British army. . . .

We had several German officers in our hospital, and they could not speak too highly of our fighting. One of them, when I was dressing his wounds, said to the doctor, "Your men must be possessed of the devil the way they fight when they charge with the bayonet."

Elected by Acclamation

LONDON, Dec. 30.—W. C. Anderson, chairman of the National Labor Party, today was elected unopposed for the Attercliffe division of Sheffield, succeeding James Pointer (labor) deceased.

COMING EVENTS

St. Barnabas' Watch Night Service—St. Barnabas' Church will hold a service of Intercession tonight commencing at 11:40.

Foul Bay Church—Those interested in the new Anglican Church in Foul Bay will be glad to know that it has been definitely decided to open the Church on Friday next, New Year's Day at 5 p.m.

Swimming Class—The new class of the Victoria Amateur Ladies' Swimming Club will open at the Y. M. C. A. on Monday night. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

New Year Service—A watch night service, consisting of the celebration of the Holy Communion, will be held in St. James Church on New Year's Eve, commencing at 11:30 p.m. Matins and Holy Communion at 10 a.m. New Year's Day.

Y. W. C. A. at Home—The directors and staff of the Young Women's Christian Association will be at home on New Year's afternoon and evening. A special programme of music and recitations will be provided in the evening.

Daughters of England—All members of Lodge Primrose, No. 32, are requested to meet at St. John's Church on Sunday morning, January 3, at 10:45 to attend divine service with the Sons of England, Sunday being a day of intercession.

Central Conservative Association—There will be whist drives at the Conservative Rooms, 1208 Government Street, tonight between Wards Five and Three and on Friday between Wards Two and Four, commencing each evening at 8 o'clock. All Conservatives welcome.

Watch Night Service—There will be a watch night service at St. John's Church, corner Quadra and Mason Streets tonight, commencing at 11 o'clock. A short address will be given by the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, and the service will close just after the new year has commenced.

Christmas Treat to Orphans—The L. O. B. A., Victoria Purple Star Lodge 104, will give a Christmas treat to the Protestant orphans this afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, in the Orange Hall, Yates Street, consisting of an auto run, a Christmas tree and tea. Members of the lodge, please bring cake.

Sons of England—The Sons of England have extended an invitation to Lodge Princess Alexandra No. 18, Daughters of England, to join them in a special service to be held in St. John's Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, January 3, 1915. All members are asked to try and attend, and to meet at the corner of Manson and Quadra Streets at 10:45.

Fusiliers' Concert—William Conley, the well-known popular tenor is to make his farewell appearance next Sunday evening at the Fusiliers' Band Concert at Pantages Theatre. Mr. Conley has assisted at a number of these concerts, proving very popular with the audiences, and a large attendance is anticipated next Sunday evening as the vocalist leaves for the East on Monday.

S. S. Entertainment—"Santa Claus and Red Riding Hood" is the name of the cantata to be given in Semple's Hall this evening by the children of St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday School when they gather for their annual Christmas entertainment. A number of other items by children and adult friends of the school and the presentation of diplomas for regular attendance will make up an interesting evening's programme. The proceedings begin with a tea for the children at 5:30. The programme, to which all friends are invited, being at 7:30 o'clock.

Watch Night Service—A watch night service is being held in the Reformed Episcopal Church, corner of Humboldt and Blanshard Streets, at 11:30 tonight. The service will be conducted by the rector, assisted by Dr. Clay, who has consented to give a ten-minute address, and the Rev. J. G. Inkster, who will conduct the devotional exercises. It is hoped that many friends of all denominations and no denomination will unite in thanking the Almighty for blessings vouchsafed during the past year and pray for help and guidance during the coming one.

Welsh Eisteddfod—Tonight in the K. of P. Hall, 726 Fort St., at 8 o'clock, the Victoria Cymrodorion Society will hold its second annual Eisteddfod. Prizes are being given for competitions in singing, reciting, reading, speaking, etc. The pieces chosen for competition in singing are: soprano solo, "Aderyn-Pur"; contralto, "Roscalan"; tenor, "Mentra Given"; bass, "Capt. Morgan." A prize is also offered for the best solo, open to any voice and any solo the competitor chooses. It is hoped there will be a record attendance as a very successful meeting is anticipated. Refreshments will be served.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Stock—	Bid.	Asked.
Blackbird Syndicate	.10	.30
B. C. Refining Co.	.30	.80
B. C. Copper Co.	.75	1.30
C. N. P. Fisheries	...	.35
Coronation Gold	.03	.07
Lucky Jim Zinc	.02	.03½
McGillivray Coal	.18	.22
Nugget Gold	...	.22
Portland Canal	.01½	.02
Rambler Cariboo	.09	.16
Red Cliff	...	.07
Standard Lead	1.15	1.40
Snowstorm	.12	.21
Stewart M. and D.	...	.60
Slocan Star	...	.35
S. S. Island Creamery	6.00	...
Stewart Land	...	7.50
Unlisted—		
Glacier Creek	.02	.05
Island Investment	...	.22
Union Club (Deb.)	.20	.30
Western Can. F. Mills	...	126.00
Portland Tunnels	...	.06
North Shore Iron	...	.35
Sooke Waterworks	...	90.00
Athabasca Oil	...	.65

SPECIAL NOTICE TO VICTORIA FOLKS

We wish to announce we are exclusive Victoria agents for the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-i-ka. This remedy, used successfully for appendicitis, is the most THOROUGH bowel cleanser we ever sold. It is so powerful that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. Adler-i-ka never gripes, is safe to use and the INSTANT action is surprising. The Hall Drug Co., Yates and Douglas Streets.

TRANSACTIONS FEW ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Smallest Amount of Business for Full Session in Twenty-Six Years—Prices Show No Decided Tendency.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Operations on the stock exchange today were marked by the smallest amount of business for a full session since February, 1888. Total sales amounted to barely 50,000 shares, and this small output was largely limited to about a score of so-called favorites, the more obscure issues being almost completely neglected.

The movement was narrow throughout, with a lowering trend, leaders yielding as much as a point at the outset, but making general recoveries soon on short contracts. Generally, the list drifted aimlessly to an apathetic but firm close.

Of all the important stocks, St. Paul failed to regain its decline.

Missouri, Kansas and Texas preferred was the only addition to the list of stocks touching their minimum, despite the favorable statement of earnings for November. Restoration of the regular Panhandle preferred dividend was received with interest, because the company is controlled by the Pennsylvania Company, which recently made a drastic cut in its dividend.

A slight advance in the prices of certain finished products was hailed as an indication of betterment in the steel trade. On the other hand, there were no signs that the railroads were likely to buy beyond their pressing needs. Other lines of business showed further indications of recovery, chiefly as a result of war contracts. An addition of a gain of almost $7,000,000 in gold was the most interesting feature of the Bank of Germany's weekly statement, the moderate loan decrease being more than offset by a large decrease in discounts. London market was steady, with expectancy regarding next week's resumption by the stock exchange.

The local bond market was irregular, with weakness in low grade issues. Total sales (par value), $1,500,000. United States Government coupon 3's gained ¾ per cent on call.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Stocks—	High.	Low.	Bid.
Alaska Gold	26¾	26½	26⅝
Amal. Copper	51⅛	50¾	51¼
Amn. Beet Sugar	33	32½	32¾
Amn. Can.	25½	25¼	25⅜
Amn. Ice Securities	21¾	21⅜	21⅜
Anaconda	25½	25¼	25⅜
Atchison	92¼	92	92⅛
B. and O.	68½	68¼	68⅜
C. P. R.	154½	154	154
Central Leather	37	36⅝	[illegible]
Erie	21⅝	21¼	21⅜
do pfd.	50⅝	50⅜	[illegible]
Lehigh Valley	129⅝	129	[illegible]
New Haven	55	54⅝	[illegible]
North. Pacific	99¾	99	[illegible]
Pennsylvania	104⅝	104	[illegible]
Pressed Steel Car	34¼	34	34
Reading	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
South. Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenn. Copper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
U. S. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
do pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utah Copper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westinghouse	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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SHORT NOTICE SALE

MAYNARD & SONS, Auctioneers

Instructed, we will sell at

The Army & Navy Cigar Store

1206 Government Street

Today, 11 o'Clock

All the Fixtures and balance of [illegible] on hand, including: Hall [illegible] Register, 6 Silent Salesmen, [illegible] Case, 2 small Wall [illegible] Head, Gas and [illegible] tures, Palms, L[illegible] dow Display [illegible] Blender, [illegible]

MAYNARD [illegible]

Cathcart's Stock-Reducing Footwear Sale Starts This Morning at 9

Sole agents for Hanan's, Nettleton's, Florsheim's and Church's Gentlemen's Shoes, and in Ladies' wear we have the sole agencies in Cousins', Laird & Schober's, Hanan's, and Harry Gray's. These are the finest lines of Shoes produced in America and will be included in this sale.

A Few of Our Ladies' Lines

Reg. $5 and $6 For **$2.45**

Ladies' Buttoned and Lace Boots, patent leather and velour calf, E. P. Reed and Cross makes; small and large sizes; regular $5.00 and $6.00 values. Sale price $2.45

Reg. to $3.00 For **$1.00**

Ladies' Daniel Green's Felt Slippers, fur trimmed. All sizes and colors. Values to $3.00. Sale price $1.00

Reg. $5.00 For **$1.95**

Growing Girls' Lace and Button Boots, low heels, patent colt, vici kid and box calf; sizes 2½ to 7; regular values to $5.00. Sale price $1.95

Reg. $8.00 For **$5.50**

Laird and Schober and Cousins' Tan and Black Calf Button Boots, with grey cloth tops; regular $8.00 values. Sale price $5.50

Reg. to $7.50 For **$3.95**

All Wichert & Gardiner's Ladies' Boots, patent leather, vici kid and velour calf, in tan and black, both lace and button; values to $7.50. Sale price $3.95

Reg. $5.00 For **$1.65**

Evening Pumps in colored satins; values to $5.00. Sale price $1.65

Ladies' Patent Kid and Vici Kid and Suede Pumps; regular $5.00 values. Sale price $1.65

A Few of Our Men's Lines

Values to $5.00 For **$1.95**

Men's Box and Velour Calf Bluchers, heavy, durable sole, welted, sizes 8½ to 11½; values to $5.00. Sale price $1.95

$5.00 and $5.50 Values For **$3.35**

Men's Box Calf Leather Lined Bluchers, heavy, durable sole, welted, all sizes; values to $5.00 and $5.50. Sale price $3.35

Nettleton's, Reg. $8.00 and $8.50 for **$6.35**

Nettleton's Boots for men, Kermit last, black and tan Russian calf Bluchers; regular $8.00 to $8.50 values. Sale price $6.35

Values to $6.50 For **$3.85**

Men's Tan and Black Calf Boots, buttoned and Blucher, all sizes; values to $6.50. Sale price $3.85

Skating Boots Reg. $5.50 for **$2.50**

Men's Lightning Hitch Skating Boots, with skates attached; regular $5.50 values. Sale price $2.50

Florsheim's, Reg. $6.50 and $7.50 for **$4.65**

Men's Florsheim Boots in Blucher and buttoned, single and double soles, tan and black. Regular $6.50 to $7.50 values. Sale price $4.65

Children's "Mary Jane" Ankle Strap Pumps

Made in England, patent kid, chocolate kid and tan calf; sizes 8 to 10½. Regular price $1.50. Sale price **95c**

Sizes 5 to 7½; $1.25 values for 70c

Sizes 2 to 5; $1.00 values for 55c

All Boys' and Girls' Shoes and Boots at discounts of from 15 per cent to **25%**

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Have you ever realized how many times you have grumbled and remarked on the smallness of the lavatory basin in your bathroom, and the hard work you have in keeping that small basin clean and free from grease?

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Have you ever been grumbled at for splashing water on the bathroom floor when washing in that small basin? Undoubtedly you have often wished that basin was larger.

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The inconvenience and annoyance of that small lavatory basin can be rectified by installing a HICKMAN TYE REAL PORCELAIN BASIN with a large and deep bowl; easy to clean and won't hold grease. To wash then will be a pleasure.

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DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

David Spencer's, Limited, 37th January Sale Starts Saturday

OUR 37th January Clearance Sale will be held under conditions unique in the history of this store. The continuance of the Great European War, which started right at the opening of the Fall Season, has had a tremendous influence in business throughout the season, with the result that stocks are much heavier than usual. This fact accounts for many of the startling price reductions being made, especially in the ready-to-wear sections.

Balance of Fall and Winter Millinery to Go at Sweeping Reductions

EVERY trimmed and untrimmed shape in the Millinery department must be cleared out during this January Sale. If sweeping price reductions will do it, then we predict a very busy time in this department on Saturday when the sale opens. Note carefully these prices and then see the samples displayed in the windows.

Children's Bonnets, Caps, and Toques, in all colors. January Clearance Price, each **25c**

Children's Felt Hats, all shapes. Regular values to $2.50. January Clearance Price, each **50c**

Children's Trimmed Hats in velvet and plush, various shapes. Regular values to $5.00. January Clearance Price **$1.00**

Children's Bonnets in silk, wool and fur. Regular values to $4.50. January Clearance Sale, each **$1.00**

Flowers and Foliage in a big assortment. January Clearance, per bunch 10c

Wings, in all shades, to clear, each 25c

Ladies' Black Velvet Shapes in beautiful qualities. Regular values to $10.00. January Clearance Price, each **$2.50**

Ladies' Trimmed Hats, in a big variety and very smart styles. To clear at $2.50 and **$1.00**

Ladies' Trimmed Hats, including all our exclusive pattern hats. To clear at **$5.00**

—Second Floor

A Complete Clearance of Women's Winter Coats

Regular Values From $7.50 to $75.00, Grouped Into Four Prices—

$2.75, $6.75, $10.00 and $16.75

THE exceptionally heavy stock of Women's Winter Coats to be cleared out during this sale is accounted for by the addition of 100 Coats just received from our own tailors at Vancouver. A manufacturer of Winter Cloakings sold us the balance of his Winter stock at a tremendous price reduction rather than carry the goods over for another season. This fine lot of materials, which included curl cloths, chinchillas, plaids and novelty weaves, we had made up into the very latest of this season's styles, by our own tailors at Vancouver. All these Coats are now grouped in the following offerings.

AT $2.75

These Coats were originally priced at $7.50 and are ridiculously priced for the January Clearance Sale. Your choice from plain and fancy weaves in cape effects and raglan styles.

AT $6.75

Coats in this offering are worth from $14.75 to $17.50, and therefore, being cleared at less than half price. The styles include balmacaan, cape effects and fancy novelties, and a good assortment of fabrics and colorings.

AT $10.00

We have a very big assortment of Coats and their previous values ranged from $17.50 to $27.50. There are Coats in curl cloths, fancy checks, plaids and novelty weaves as well as the plainer materials and the assortment of styles is very wide. Every woman in need of a Winter Coat should not miss this offering.

AT $16.75

Not a single Coat in this offering worth less than $30.00, and practically all are values over that figure and as high as $75.00. The balance of our best novelties are all included and you can choose from military and cape effects, balmacaan and various other novelty styles. Very smart materials; also a line of handsome black cloth Coats included.

—First Floor

January Clearance of Men's Suits and Overcoats Means Extraordinary Savings to You

WE'VE gone to the utmost limit in value-giving on our entire stock of men's Suits and Overcoats. The tremendous reductions in price means extraordinary savings to the man who needs a new Suit or Overcoat. Our Men's Clothing Stock is well known to the men of Victoria and district, and with the samples displayed in the View Street windows, a detailed description here is quite unnecessary. These prices speak for themselves.

Men's Overcoats

Regular $12.50 values January Sale Price **$6.75**

Regular $15.00 to $18.00 values January Sale Price **$9.75**

Regular $20.00 to $22.50 values January Sale Price **$13.75**

Regular $25.00 to $50.00 values January Sale Price **$19.75**

Men's Suits

Regular $10.00 and $12.50 values January Sale Price **$6.75**

Regular $15.00 to $18.00 values January Sale Price **$9.75**

Regular $20.00 to $22.50 values January Sale Price **$13.75**

Regular $25.00 to $32.50 values January Sale Price **$19.75**

—Main Floor

January Clearance of Children's Velvet Dresses

$3.50 and $4.50 Values for $2.50

$2.75 Values for $1.50

Most serviceable Dresses for little girls from 2 to 7 years. There are various styles and the principal colors are saxe blue, brown and tan. These prices are lower than you could buy the materials for, and every Dress should be quickly sold out.

—First Floor

3 Dozen White Flannelette Sleepers

To Clear At 25c

Warm cosy garments for children to wear on cold nights. A heavy quality flannelette, made with feet and to fasten down the back. Sizes 4 and 6 years only. Values to 85c. January Clearance Price, each **25c**

—First Floor

Children's Flannelette Pajamas

Values to $1.75 To Clear at 75c

Well made garments in good quality striped flannelettes; pink and blue shades. Sizes to fit children from 2 to 12 years. A splendid opportunity to buy necessary garments at a saving.

—First Floor

A Big Clearance of Fancy and Tailored Waists at Great Price Reductions

THE extraordinary values in women's Waists will be fully appreciated. Space forbids our giving a full detailed description of each offering, but we draw your attention to the samples displayed in the View Street windows. From these you will quickly realize that there are some astonishing values to be had.

$1.00 and $1.25 Waists For 50c

Crepes, voiles, Ceylon flannel and linenette are the chief materials in this offering, but the styles are much wider. There are white Waists with the new flare collar and vestee effects, Shirtwaists with plain and tucked fronts; also striped Waists with polo collar, and a splendid range of tailored Waists with tucked and embroidered fronts.

$1.75 to $3.00 Waists For $1.25

This offering includes the entire balance of our French Delaine Shirtwaists in striped effects, also a big range of Lingerie Waists in fancy ratine, voiles, marquisette; very pretty styles, and some have the new flare and organdie collars in white pique; fancy fronts also vestee effects.

$4.50 to $5.75 Silk Waists For $2.90

A very smart range of pretty Waists in crepe de chine, silk brocade, silk crepes, ninons and white Jap silk; plain and fancy colors; also Waists in taffetas, messalines and shot silks. Practically every shade and all the leading styles.

—First Floor

January Clearance of Afternoon and Evening Dresses at Extraordinarily Low Prices

Regular $10.00 to $100.00 Values To Go At

$5.00, $10.00 $15.00

These prices should clear every Dress in each offering in a very short space of time. To say the least the prices are extraordinarily low and will create a big demand. For full details we draw your special attention to the samples displayed in the View Street Windows.

AT $5.00

You have your choice from fancy net, plain silks, also serges in blues, brown and black. Dresses that sell in the regular way to **$17.50**

AT $10.00

Dresses in this offering include both afternoon and semi-evening styles, and the materials are crepes de chine, fancy silks, chiffons and satins.

AT $15.00

There are Evening and Afternoon Dresses in similar materials to the $10.00 offering, but in better grades. A very wide range of styles and absolutely no two alike.

—First Floor

The January Sale of Silks Includes a Manufacturer's Stock of 4,098 Yards Bought at a Tremendous Sacrifice

Values $2.50 to $4.75 To Sell at, Yard $1.50

ONE of the best silk buys we've effected for some considerable time. The manufacturer needed ready cash, and to raise it quickly he sold us this beautiful lot of silks at a tremendous sacrifice. We believe that every lady in Victoria will be interested in this sale, and will not only appreciate the extraordinary savings that it offers, but that every piece in the lot is a full 100-yard length; thus, any required length in each pattern and quality can be purchased. The offering includes 40 in. moire velours, colored satin charmeuse, Oriental satins and satin grenadines; and in colors pale blue, pink, paddy green, mauve, purple, old rose, tope, royal, brown, ivory, black and white. $2.50 to $4.75 values for, per yard **$1.50**

100 Pieces Pale Blue Pongee Silk. Regular 50c grade. January Sale price, per yard .... **35¢**

Taffeta Silks, in colors brown, green, navy and fawn; slightly imperfect. Usually sold at 50c. January Sale price, per yard .... **15¢**

Roman Figured and Striped Silks. Regular 75c grade. January Sale price, yard .... **25¢**

Fancy Figured Ninons. Regular value $1.50. January Sale price, yard .... **25¢**

Scotch Plaid Silks, 40 in. wide. Regular price $2.50. January Sale price, yard **$1.50**

Chiffon Velvets, beautiful soft finish. Regular $1.50 to $2.00 values. Special clearing for the January Sale, per yard .... **75¢**

Black Brocaded Velvets. Regularly sold at $4.75. Clearing January Sale at, per yard **$2.50**

Corduroy and Velveteens. Usually sold at 75c to $1.00. Clearing January Sale at, per yard .... **55¢**

—Main Floor

Men's Underwear at Great Reductions

Men's Heavy Lambswool and Fleece-Lined Shirts, oddments only. Regular values to $1.00. Clearing at January Sale, each .... **25¢**

Men's Elastic Rib Shirts, Penman's brand. Regular 75c value. January Sale, each .... **50¢**

Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, imported brand, odd sizes only. Regular $1.00 values. January Sale price, each .... **50¢**

Men's Heavy Cream Wool Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers, oddments only. Regular $1.00 values. January Sale price, each .... **50¢**

Men's Fancy Stripe Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers, odd sizes only. Regular value 75c. January Sale price .... **50¢**

Men's Natural Lambswool Shirts and Drawers, Penman's make, odd sizes only. Regular $1.00 values. January Sale price, each .... **50¢**

Men's Heavy All-Wool Elastic Rib Cream Color Shirts and Drawers, odd sizes only. Regular value $1.25. January Sale price, each .... **75¢**

Men's Imported Heavy Lambswool Shirts and Drawers, odd sizes only. Regular $1.25 values. January Sale price, each .... **75¢**

Men's Imported Natural Wool and Grey Cashmere Shirts and Drawers, odd sizes only. Regular values to $2.50. Clearing, January Sale, each ... **$1.00**

—Main Floor

Substantial Savings on Infants' Winter Coats

Regular $2.00 to $2.75 Values to Clear at $1.50

Regular $3.50 to $7.50 Values to Clear at $2.50

PARENTS who need Coats for little children from 1 to 3 years should be here on Saturday morning to buy from this offering. Good serviceable garments in Teddy Bear Cloth, serges and velvet, and the colors include red, saxe, green, brown and navy. Single and double-breasted styles and some are smartly touched up with silk braids and cord.

—First Floor

Remarkable Savings on Men's Women's and Children's Shoes

GREATER economies than ever before are being offered at this January sale in Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes. All these offerings are our regular stock goods, and can be thoroughly relied on to give the best of satisfaction in wear.

Men's $6.00 High Top Boots to Sell At $4.85

In brown and olive chrome leather, 10 and 12 in. high; invaluable to teamsters, loggers and hunters.

Men's $5.00 and $6.00 Dress Boots. January Sale Price, Pair $3.85

The latest and best styles in men's "Quite Right" and other good makes. Your choice from gunmetal and tan calf, vici kid and patent leathers. Blucher and button styles, in suitable weights for early Spring wear.

Men's $3.50 and $4.00 Boots, January Sale Price, Pair $2.85

Dress Boots in box calf and gunmetal, in Blucher and button styles and various lasts. Also good quality Work Boots, made to stand the wet and hardest wear.

Boys' $2.50 and $3.00 Boots, January Sale Price, Pair $1.95

Button and Lace Boots, in box calf, gunmetal and tan calf. All good styles and splendid wearing qualities. Sizes 1 to 5½.

Women's $6.00 to $7.00 Queen Quality Boots, January Sale Price, Pair $4.85

Here's an extraordinary opportunity for women to save on high-quality Shoes. Some of our best grades included in this offering. There are Satin Button Boots, Velvet Button Boots and Patent Tango Sandals; also a big variety of Patent Button Boots with cloth or kid tops.

Women's $5.00 and $6.00 Boots, January Sale Price, Pair $3.65

Included are Patent Button Boots, cloth tops and all styles; Gunmetal Calf, Tan Calf, Chocolate and Black Vici Kid Button and Lace Boots, including also many "Queen Quality" makes.

Women's $3.50 and $4.00 Boots, January Sale Price, Pair $2.95

Good, serviceable qualities in Button and Lace Boots in all leathers and styles. Patent, gunmetal, tan calf, glazed kid and other leathers. Every pair in this offering was a first-class value at the regular price. They are exceptional bargains at the reduced price, and will sell quickly.

—First Floor

Entire Stock of Ladies' Costumes

Grouped Into Three Prices for the January Sale

$6.75, $14.75 and $25.00

Regular Values $15.00 to $100.00

FOLLOWING the usual custom of this store, every Costume must be cleared during our January sale. To accomplish our object this year, we have reduced prices to a ridiculously low figure, in fact considerably lower than at any previous sale, and we believe that extraordinary quick selling will result.

AT $6.75

Your choice from fancy Novelty Suits in a splendid variety, also from plain tailored styles in tweed mixtures and plain serges.

AT $14.75

There's a very large assortment of Costumes in both fancy novelty styles and plain tailored. At this price we have also included all our better grade Tailored Suits, usually sold from $35.00 to $40.00. These are in blue and black serges with best Skinner satin linings

AT $25.00

This offering includes all our high-priced imported Novelty Costumes that were selling throughout the season from $75.00 to $100.00. Absolutely no two styles alike, and some models are beautifully trimmed with fur. Not one Costume in this lot worth less than $75.00, and most are worth considerably more. These are most extraordinary bargains even for a January sale.

—First Floor

All Children's Coats Will Be Cleared Out at $2.50 and $4.50

Regular Prices $4.50 to $15.00

THESE two prices include every child's Coat in the department and the values that they represent should make a complete clearance the first day of sale. The sizes range from 4 to 14 years, and you can choose from a big range of styles in checks, fancy tweeds, curl cloths, and novelty weaves. All parents who have girls needing Winter Coats should investigate this offering at once as these prices are bound to create a big demand. See windows for samples.

—First Floor

January Sale Offers Big Values in Men's Working Shirts at 50c and $1.00

THIS January Sale brings good news to the working man who needs a good serviceable Shirt. Here are details of some of the best values ever offered in this class of goods.

Men's Tweed Working Shirts, in dark brown, grey and khaki, with turndown collars attached and one pocket. Regular value $1.25. January Sale price **$1.00**

Men's Heavy Dark Brown Working Shirts, with collars attached; one pocket. Regular value $1.25. January Sale price **$1.00**

Men's Blue Serge Shirts, with turndown collar, reinforced front and two pockets. Regular value $1.50. January Sale price **$1.00**

Men's Union Flannel Working Shirts, in light stripes, with the new double collar attached; one pocket, buttoned down. Regular value $1.25. January Sale price **$1.00**

Men's Heavy Hunting or Working Shirts, with turned-down collar attached; two pockets with flaps and trimmed with brass buttons; in brown serge and fancy tweed mixtures. Regular $2.00 value. January Sale price **$1.00**

Men's Heavy Navy Serge Working or Hunting Shirts, with turndown collar attached and two pockets. Regular $2.00 value. January Sale price, **$1.00**

Men's Stripe Flannelette Shirts, with turndown, reversible collars attached. January Sale price .... **50¢**

Men's Grey Stripe Gingham Shirts, with turndown collars attached. Special for the January Sale, each ...... **50¢**

—Main Floor

January Bargains in Ladies' Neckwear and Accessories

Muslin and Lace Collars, new styles. Regular values to $1.00. January Sale price, each .... **25¢**

Muslin and Lace Collars, also Yokes. Regular values to $1.50. January Sale price, each .... **50¢**

Fancy and Plain Ribbons, 6 in. wide; all colors. Values to 35c, for, per yard .... **15¢**

Black Veilings. Values to $1.50. To clear at, per yard .... **25¢**

Fancy Scarves, in lace, silk and crepe de chine. All to clear at Half Price.

Linen and Dutch Fancy Collars, clearing at, each .... **5¢**

Colored and Plain White Bordered Handkerchiefs. To clear at, per dozen .... **50¢**

Fancy Handkerchiefs. To clear at 3 for .... **25¢**

—Main Floor

January Sale of Women's and Children's Hose

These extraordinarily low prices on dependable quality Hose should encourage you to buy in a stock to last for many months to come.

Children's Black Cashmere Hose, sizes 6, 6½, and 7 only. All perfect goods and regularly sold at 35c and 45c. Double foot and spliced heel. Extra special for the January sale. Per pair **15c**

Ladies' Cashmere Hose, in black only, seamless. January Sale price, per pair .... [illegible]

Penman's Seamless Cashmere Hose. January Sale Price, per pair [illegible] 3 pairs for **$1.00**

—Main Floor

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